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WHITEAWAY'S

## BULGARIA DUE TO SIGN TRIPARTITE PACT: BALKANS EXCITEMENT

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, FEB. 28 (UP).—ALL RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN ROME, VIENNA AND BERLIN REPORT THAT BULGARIA IS TO BECOME A SIGNATORY TO THE AXIS TRIPARTITE PACT.

IT IS DECLARED THAT BULGARIA WILL "SIGN UP" IN VIENNA ON SATURDAY IN THE PRESENCE OF RIBBENTROP, THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, MR OHSIMA, AND THE ITALIAN MINISTER TO BERLIN.

### Rendel's Departure Expected

LONDON, FEB. 28 (UP).—AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES STATED TO-DAY, "WHILE NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE DEPARTURE OF MR WILLIAM RENDEL, THE BRITISH MINISTER, IT CANNOT LONG BE DELAYED."

#### CRIPPS STIRS THE BALKANS

BASLE, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The journey to Ankara of the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Stafford Cripps, has caused a great sensation in the Balkans, according to the Budapest correspondent of the Swiss paper, "Basler Nachrichten."

It is generally believed that the reason is the necessity of informing Mr Anthony Eden directly concerning Russia's waiting policies.

## Italian Attacks Smashed By Greeks

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Greeks have smashed a counter-attack in the central sector of the Albanian battle-front, said the Athens radio to-night.

Many Italian dead and wounded were left on the field and in the same sector, two Italian tanks were severely damaged and were forced to turn tail.

At several points, said the announcer, Greek patrols scored successes while a continuous bombardment of Italian positions was doing heavy damage.

**Bad Weather**  
The lull in big-scale offensive operations—owing to the persistent bad weather—is being used by the Italians for improvement of their defences.

An attempted enemy air raid was foiled by anti-aircraft batteries which brought down two bombers and hit two others.

The Greek air force carried out several successful raids, causing considerable damage to Italian positions and concentrations.

**R.A.F. Win Air Fight**  
ATHENS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers with Hurricane fighter escort TURN to Page 6, Column Four

## Pressure on Enemy In East Africa Continues

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—As a result of its vigorous advance, the British northern force is now in contact with the enemy troops holding covering position north of Keren in Eritrea, states a communique from British G.H.Q.

Meanwhile in local activity we have improved our positions west of the town.

In the face of increasing patriotic pressure, Italian evacuation of military posts in the Gollum region in Abyssinia continues.

Operations in all sectors of Italian Somaliland are developing successfully.

#### S. Africans In Air

NAIROBI, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The South African Air Force bombed barracks at Buragala and warehouses at Isialabanda on February 28, states a communique issued here.

Buildings at Buragala were set on fire.

The correspondent adds that Mr. Molotov is expected to deliver his postponed speech shortly, possibly after Sir Stafford's return to Moscow.

#### Turkish Comment

ISTANBUL, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The entire Turkish morning press has leading articles on the visit of Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, stressing Anglo-Turkish friendship and Turkey's determination to be faithful to her undertakings.

The "Tasvir-i Efkâr," saying that common interests are at stake, adds: "Mr Eden directed Britain's foreign policy during Italy's aggression in Abyssinia and even he has proved his clear sightedness."

The "Son-Post," an independent daily, says that while the Anglo-Turkish alliance is purely pacific, Turkey will never tolerate any aggression in the security zone or any plot against her life.

The "Yeni Sabah" writes: "The Great Atatürk, with genial foresight, re-established Anglo-Turkish friendship, the principle of which acquired its happiest form by the signature at Ankara of the Mutual Assistance Pact of 1939 and culminated in the alliance which became the common property of the British and Turkish nations."

**Arrival in Ankara**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, arrived in Ankara this morning for his consultation with Mr Anthony Eden.

Sir Stafford was accompanied by his Private Secretary and his Military Attache.

**Effective Protests**  
SOFIA, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The British Minister, Mr George Rendel, made a strong protest to the Bulgarian premier to-day against the arrest of a number of Bulgarian journalists who include at least one correspondent of a British newspaper.

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## VICHY EXPECTED TO ACCEPT

Will Reply to Peace Terms

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Council of Ministers here has found the new Japanese proposal basically acceptable, but the terms have not been revealed.

After a two and a half session, the Council of Ministers announced that it had "drafted the Government's position concerning the negotiations with Tokyo for solution of the Franco-Thai conflict. Admiral Darlan exposed the Government's general policies."

Later it was announced that the Government had decided "in the interests of peace" to reply to Mr Matsuo's second Mekong peace proposals.

The Council of Ministers found the new proposal inspired by proper conceptions on both sides. It is understood that Mr Matsuo's slightly trimmed the territorial transfers to Thailand, who still gets everything west of the Mekong River in Laos, in addition to an important position in north-west Cambodia.

The French reply is expected to start for Tokyo to-night to enable the French to continue their appeasement efforts with the likelihood of a final agreement before the expiration of the armistice.

The Council's decision means that France is weighing the military possibilities and has decided not to fight to maintain her maximum concession on the armistice frontier.

#### Japanese Evacuation

SAIGON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Japanese officials arrived here to-day by air from Hanoi in order to assist in the planned evacuation of Japanese.

The Japanese reported that a ship is arriving to-morrow for the evacuation. Japanese officials said they will evacuate Japanese nationals from all Indo-China; however, authoritative sources reported that many Japanese will go to Hanoi in view of the fact that Tonkin is considered to be safe owing to the presence of a Japanese garrison there.

#### Hull Uninformed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—At the press conference to-day Mr TURN to Page 6, Column Six

#### Danish Merchantmen

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Two Danish ships captured by a Canadian warship and brought here have been released by the Prize Court "to be used in the defence of the nation and the realm."

## AMPLE STEEL IN AMERICA

Roosevelt Speaks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Ample facilities for steel production exist in the United States to meet all requirements of America and of other democracies, according to a report by the office of the Production Management, which President Roosevelt quoted at a press conference to-day.

The President said that the report showed that American facilities were sufficient for all domestic needs, both civilian and defence, and also to meet the want of "those nations trying to uphold democracy."

The report was "exceedingly encouraging," added the President.

## The Great Fire of London, 1940

When German raiders last December wantonly dropped incendiary bombs on the heart of London where not a single military objective exists, they caused a blaze which was the biggest since the great fire of London in 1666. Offices, churches and famous buildings were destroyed, while St Paul's Cathedral had a narrow escape from a like fate. This remarkable picture taken at the height of the fire, shows St. Paul's illuminated by the flames which surrounded the famed cathedral.



## Alfonso Lying In State

Ex-King Of Spain Dies Peacefully

ROME, Feb. 28 (UP).—According to present arrangements, ex-King Alfonso's funeral will take place on Monday morning from the Spanish Church of Monserrato in Rome.

Hundreds of persons thronged the whole lounge of the Grand Hotel to sign the register, including Italian and Spanish aristocracy and diplomats from the Vatican.

Cardinal Lopez blessed the body. Members of the family who were at the bedside at the time of death comprised Ex-Queen Victoria, Don Juan, Don Jaime and Princess Beatrice. Princess Christina was unable to be present as she only returned home from Turin a few days ago. She is expected to be a mother shortly.

#### Lying In State

The body of ex-King Alfonso lay in state this afternoon at the Grand Hotel in the same room in which he died. He lies on a low bier, six inches from the floor, bareheaded and garbed in the white cape of the Grand Master of the Four Orders. A red cloth has been placed over the heart.

A Spanish flag and a cape of the Virgin Pilar which were flown from Saragossa are draped over the body. The room is curtained with black and illuminated with candles.

A large crucifix is standing at the head of the bier. Two Franciscan monks and four Spanish nuns prayed throughout the afternoon beside the body and the family sat in vigil.

#### Peaceful End

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Ex-King Alfonso passed a quiet night but at 10.30 a.m., just when members of his family were going to attend the funeral of his secretary, the Marquis of Torres, who predeceased him, the King had another heart attack.

Professor Frugoni was summoned and administered adrenaline but the King grew worse and at 11.05 a.m. he was seen to be dying.

A Spanish Jesuit, Father Lopez, who gave the King extreme unction before, when he was thought to be dying, did so again. The end came peacefully at 11.51 a.m.

King Alfonso retained all his faculties to the last.

The funeral will be at the Church of St. Mary of Angels.

**Mourning In Spain**  
MADRID, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Spanish Government is declaring a three days' national mourning starting to-morrow for the late ex-King Alfonso.

#### Export Of Firewood Prohibited

The export of firewood except by licence is now prohibited, according to an announcement made by Mr E. W. Hamilton, Controller of Trade, in the "Government Gazette" to-day.

## Complete Racing Results, Extra

Today is the last day of the annual race meeting at Happy Valley.

Nine events are scheduled and the complete results, together with the winning cash sweep numbers, will be published in an extra edition of the "Telegraph", shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. A description of the principal races will also be given.

## New Planes In Action Over Reich

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).

The most powerful planes at present in service with any air force in the world have joined the R.A.F. and were in action against the enemy in occupied territory a few nights ago for the first time, states the journal "Aeroplane."

They are Short Stirling four-motor bombers, combining great load-carrying powers at high speed and very powerful defensive armament.

This addition to the British operating forces will greatly increase our power to strike at the enemy's war effort in the heart of his territory, adds the journal, and with other still newer types and reinforcements from the United States, will make possible more intense attacks on selected objectives.

#### No Information

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The State Department said to-day that they had no information regarding any blacklist.

## Free China's Drastic Laws Against Drugs Published

CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (Central News).—Indicating the Government's unrelenting determination to rid the country of the scourge of opium and narcotics, a new law has been promulgated.

This law provides the death sentence for the following offences: planting of poppy and manufacture of opium and narcotics, trafficking in narcotics, the use of narcotics, giving morphine injections or opening narcotic dens.

Those who possess drugs intended for sale will be given the death sentence or life imprisonment as also will those trafficking in opium, importing or exporting poppy seeds or operating opium dens. Anyone caught possessing opium intended for sale will be given at least ten years' imprisonment.

Opium smokers caught will be given a jail term of between one and five years together with a fine of \$1,000. Addicts who again indulge in opium-smoking after given the current treatment will be given the death sentence.

Most severe punishment is provided for government employees, members of the police force or the army.

The law will be in force for three years.

## Nazi—Sunk Ships Reach Port Safely

Convoy Of Nineteen

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—It is learned in London to-day that one of the four vessels of the convoy recently attacked by the 'Germans and claimed by them to have been destroyed has reached a British port undamaged.

These four vessels were officially described as not yet overdue.

There were 19 ships in this convoy, which was attacked by a German raider on February 12, writes "Reuter's" naval correspondent. As previously officially announced, five were sunk and ten were safe, leaving four missing. With the safe arrival in port of this British ship of 8,500 tons, there are now three vessels in the convoy unaccounted for with a total tonnage of about 10,000.

It will be recalled that the Germans claimed at different times that 14, and later 19, ships of this convoy had been sunk whereas at worst eight only may have been lost.

## Dutch Black List U.S. Firms

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Official Dutch circles stated to-day that the control of Dutch East Indies exports will be further tightened by blacklisting numerous United States firms "suspected of buying Dutch East Indian goods for unknown, possibly enemy destinations."

#### No Information

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LATEST

## Shipping Service Story Denied

A "Domel" report emanating from Shanghai, that the Blue Funnel Far Eastern service was being discontinued, was officially denied by the Hongkong agents of the Blue Funnel Line this morning.

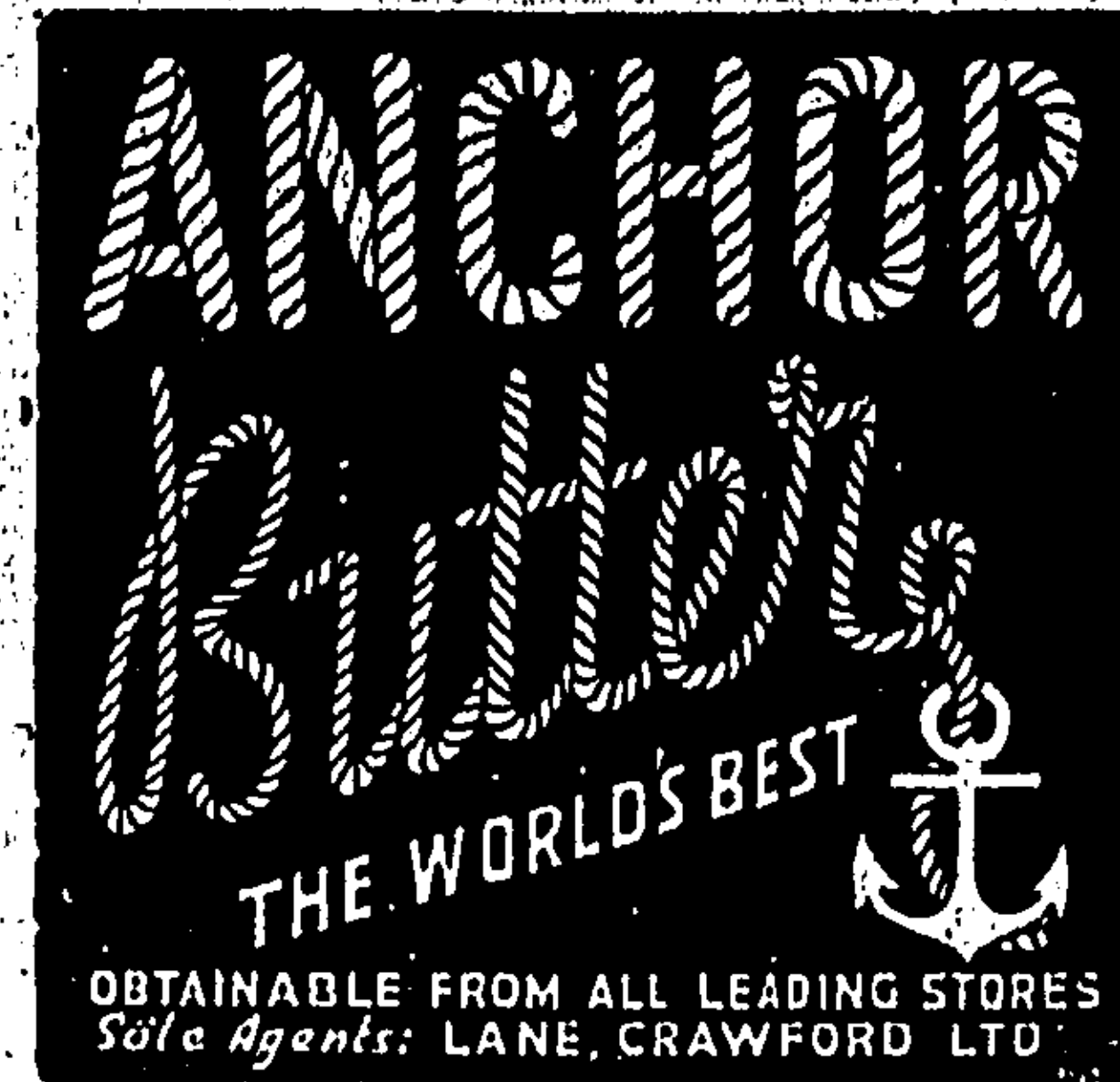
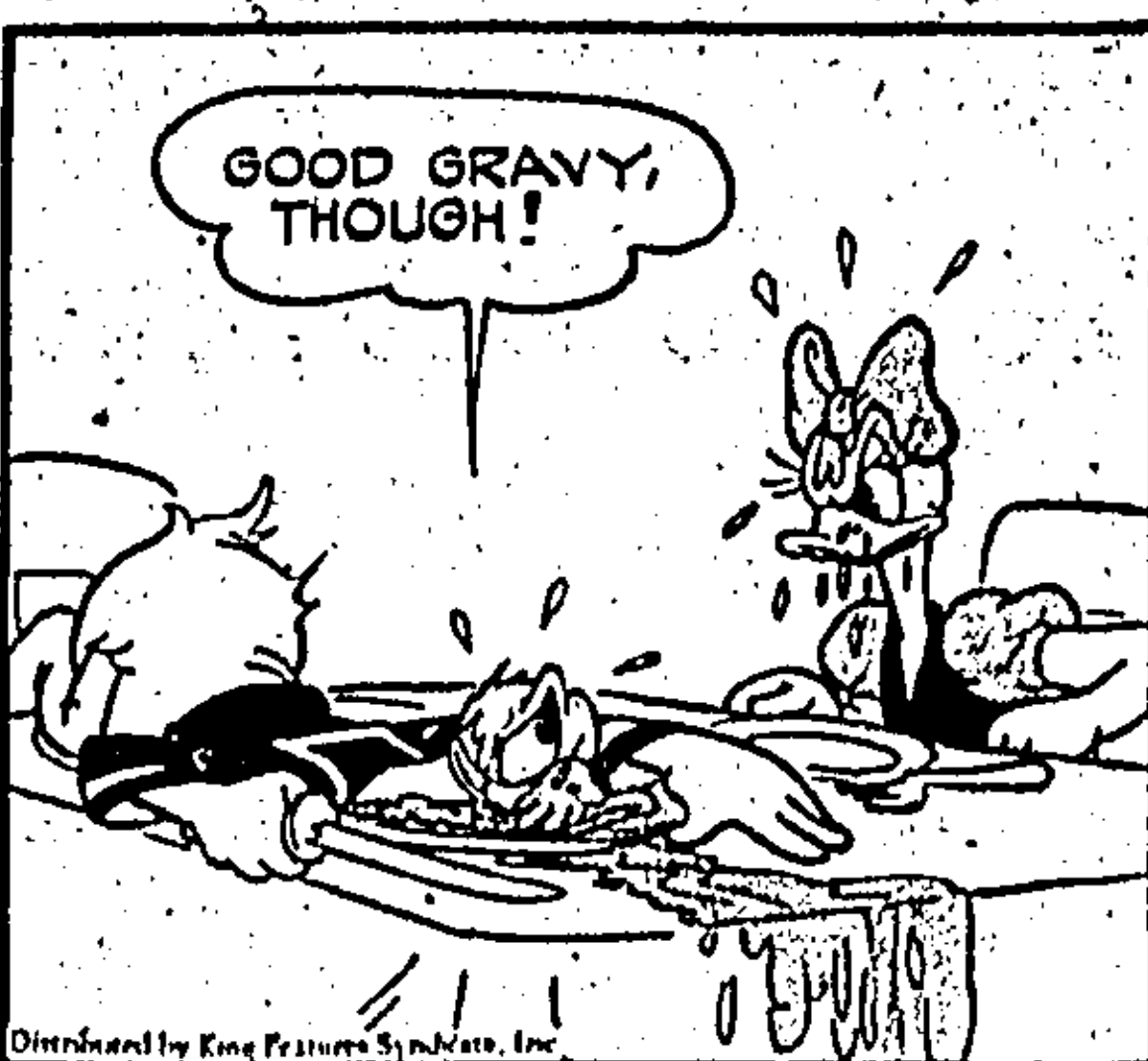
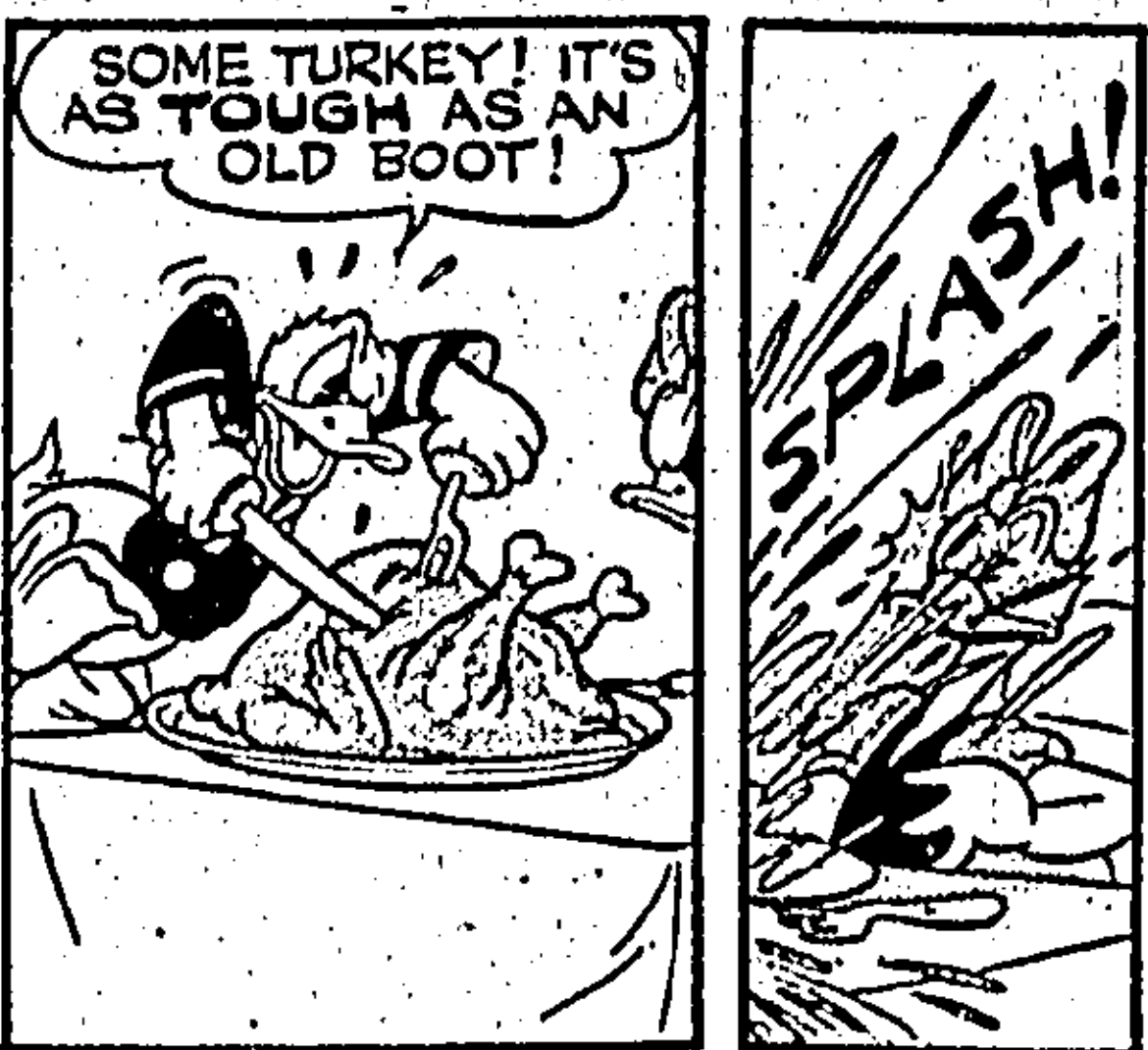
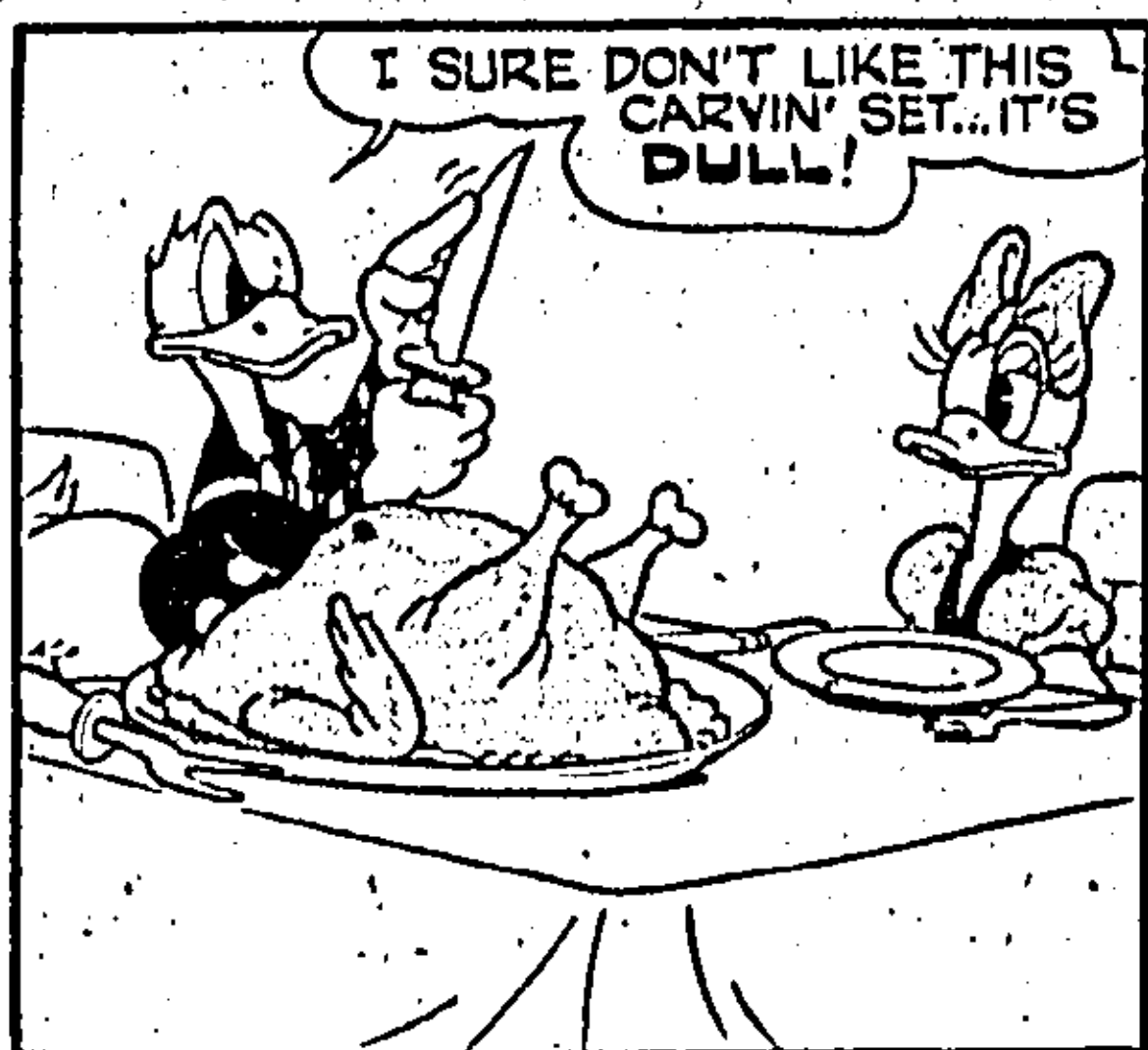
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## DONALD DUCK



## "TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

## CURRENT COMMENT

By "Scrutineer"

The speech of the Nazi dictator, which was delivered at Munich, has been commented on by the newspapers both in Britain and in the United States, but what impresses one about it is not so much its political and military content as the manner of its delivery.

Take such phrases as 'I am an expert', 'I am a specialist in armaments', 'I have used the power of the German nation for this purpose (the provision of armaments)', 'I am resolved to use Europe for the same purpose, in fact I am doing so', 'I am grateful to fate that, if this struggle was necessary, it has come during my lifetime and while I am still feeling fresh and vigorous', 'I am feeling more fresh than ever now and so on'.

If Mr. Winston Churchill spoke in this strain he should be greatly worried. We should feel that he was no longer leading the people but had obviously become a megalomaniac. We would ask ourselves whether the burden he had assumed had not proved much too heavy for his single mind. What he did say was: "This is England's greatest hour," not "my greatest hour," and there we have all the difference between the two concepts of life. On the one hand, a commonwealth of nations expressing itself through its freely-elected leader, and, on the other hand, a leader, boastfully expressing himself, with a flock of sheep (the Fuehrer's own description in Mein Kampf) of the German people) timidly but hopefully following behind.

## NAZI SYSTEM

No wonder Hitler's first business, as he says in the same speech, was to antagonise the intellectuals. Obviously, thoughtful men can have neither part or lot in the Nazi regime. It is a system for the fanatical leader and the hypnotised masses, and is based on brute force and coercion; domination on the one side, and docility and hero-worship on the other.

When a German soldier at the beginning of the war fell morally wounded into the hands of the British, he was asked if there was anything he wanted. "Yes," he said, "a picture of mein Fuehrer and a glass of water." The water was provided but no one could find a photograph of mein Fuehrer, and so the poor soldier died unconsoled.

It was very touching, but can anyone imagine a British soldier, a British airman or a seaman asking for a photograph of the Prime Minister? The relationship is quite different. We honour, respect and accept leadership, but we retain our reason. The letter of the young airman which appeared in *The Times* some months ago is more in keeping with the sentiment of British people. It is the country, the cause and ideals that matter, not the individuals.

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who are temporarily enjoying and defending them.

There is one point in Hitler's speech in which he dismisses contemptuously the Libyan campaign. Had Mussolini (it is strange how one feels that that name is already becoming insignificant) succeeded in getting to Cairo and to Suez, it would have been hailed, quite rightly, as an epoch-making event. That was what Graziani's army was for, but those forces were overwhelmed and the threat removed. According to Hitler's theory we should never have treated the matter seriously, as the Italian armies were quite incapable of achieving what the Duce had boasted again and again they could and would do. Like Hitler, we should have regarded these wild dreams of a revived Roman Empire as the imaginings of an overheated brain.

Hitler in his speech says that Mussolini was of greater use to him as a non-belligerent than as an active participant in the war, for then the myth of his power still remained unexploded and he was able to keep our fleet, armies and air force immobilised. Now, instead of helping Hitler by doing nothing, the Duce has spoiled everything by proving that he could do nothing in any case.

Unfortunately for the Axis, Hitler cannot help Mussolini by doing nothing. He is compelled to act in a field that he had hoped to avoid. Still, it gives him an excuse for putting off the evil day of the invasion of Britain.

In connection with this, the following story is apposite. A London teacher with his class evacuated from London to the country said he was going to read to them the poem: "O to be in England." Could anyone, he asked, tell him who wrote it? The class thought for a while; then one bright youth shouted out "Hitler." There were yells of joy.

## SOUTHWARD AIMS OF JAPAN

The Japanese are advancing their claims, rather than their forces, further south. Their ambition now is to control Oceania, an indefinite but at the same time a considerable area in the South Pacific.

The average nation, like the average individual, usually shapes his future on his past. His ambitions are based on what has already been achieved. Japan has on her hands an unfinished war in China which shows no signs of producing satisfactory, conclusive results. The next step in the nibbling process was in Indo-China, and that has not yet been satisfactorily settled. It looks as though it might become merely an extension of the China campaign. So far Japan has made no clear, definite and decisive bite. She has no legal status, no clear-cut treaty giving her possession of anything, and yet there is now this indefinite move towards the south.

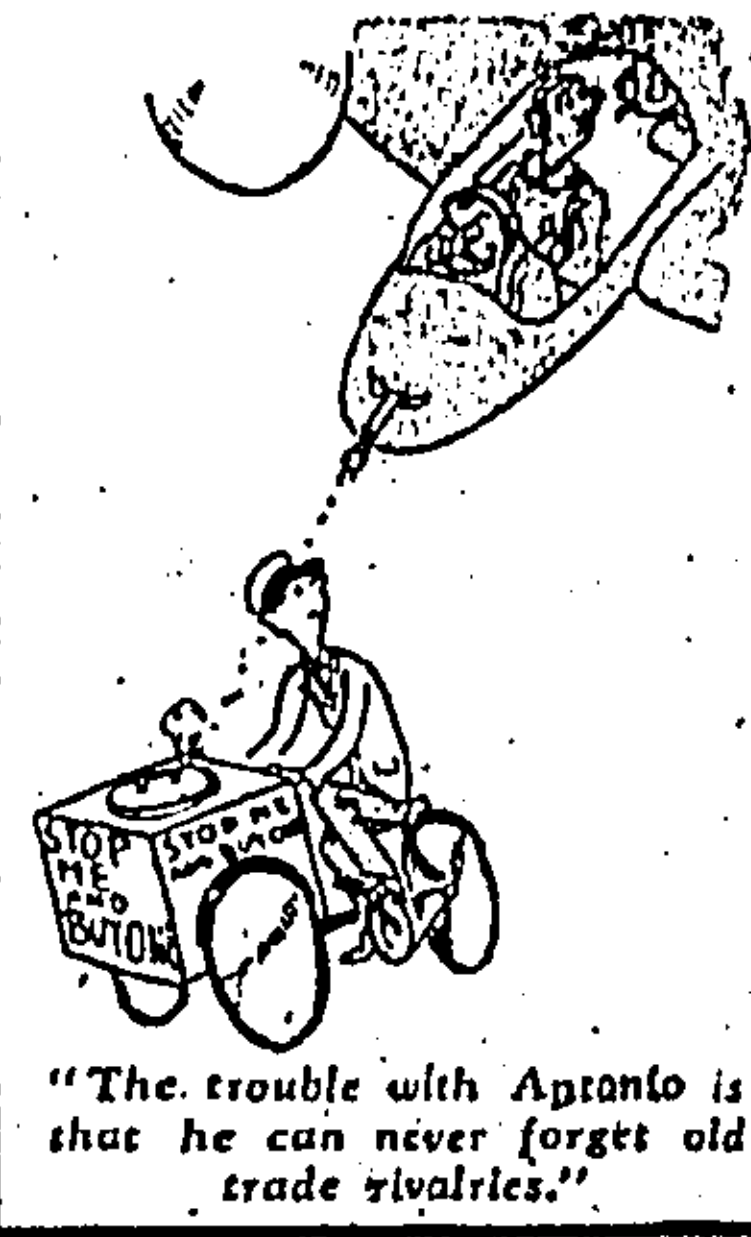
It is astonishing that the Japanese newspapers should regard the strengthening of the defences of Malaya as a provocative act, while Japan concentrates forces in Hainan and Indo-China. In the one case, the object is clearly for the purpose of defence, and is more a proclamation to the effect that "what we have we hold." How much more provocative and disturbing to peace is this Japanese movement south! Obviously, there must be a limit to it, and that limit has now been reached.

## THREE SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

Sir Frederick White says there has always been two schools of thought in Japan: the military one seeking to establish an empire on the mainland, and the naval enthusiasts seeking expansion in the Southern Pacific. There is a third school which would like to do both.

The fact of the matter is that a nation tends to expand in the direc-

## POCKET CARTOON



tion where the opposition is weakest, just as the explosion breaks through the weakest part of the crust. In 1894 the attack was made on China, and Korea and Formosa were added to the Japanese Empire. In 1904 the Treaty of Portsmouth marked the close of a successful campaign against Russia. In 1937 China was considered to be ripe for conquest, but instead of breaking through, the four years' arduous effort has only produced a vast bulge. The exhausting nature of this 'incident' has naturally created a distaste for prolonging it.

In 1940 France collapsed, and the situation in Indo-China was obviously one that invited the attention of the expansionists. Finally, the orphaned state of the Netherlands East Indies suggested an advance in that direction. Penetration, penetration, or infiltration, is sought, accompanied by the special plea that Japan is the heaven-sent leader for the creation of the new order in Asia. This alternates with the threat of force if the claims of Japan are not recognised and conceded.

## GERMANS IN TOKYO

Everyone knows that this policy is very largely the result of the pressure of the German advisers who crowd the Foreign Office, the Admiralty and Army Headquarters in Tokyo. Also, through the press they are establishing a strong fifth column movement.

It is they who are bringing about a reversal of Japanese policy, although they cannot, as in Rumania, contribute anything to its realisation if the worst comes to the worst. It is the Germans who demand that the Japanese should come to terms with Russia, that they should sacrifice Sughlen, demilitarise the Mongolian and the Manchurian borders, and try to make a graceful exit from China.

Germany's anxiety to achieve this arrangement is balanced by her determination to involve Japan in war with Britain and America. Japan is to become the cat's paw of Germany which, it must be repeated, cannot as in the case of Italy render any aid whatever in the event of such an issue being forced. It is easy for Germany to play on the ambitions of the armed forces of Japan, and to point to the glittering prizes to be won and to gloss over the dangers and the risks to be run.

## VICTIMS OF NAZI POLICY

Germany is in a difficult position. The Italian fleet has proved to be utterly incompetent; Marshall Petain clings obstinately to the terms of the Armistice and refuses to yield to Hitler's demands for the French fleet. The only hope therefore is the Japanese fleet. Even if this did involve war with the United States, the gain would obviously be to Germany and only the losses would be suffered by Japan.

It is astonishing that the Japanese should allow themselves to become the victims of Nazi policy which is purely selfish, and which in every case has withered national life wherever it has gained a foothold. It is strange that the Japanese should think of embarking on a new campaign against one who are infinitely greater than they have ever yet faced, seeing that the experience of the past four years has left them impoverished, and without any tangible success.

There are many in Japan who see the peril of this course, and who protest against the excessive power which the Nazis wield in the councils of state in Tokyo. The time is certainly not propitious for any further scheme of expansion, especially when it involves the scrapping of a long Russian policy which will leave the

## "TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

Apart from Hitler's renewed threats to start his super-blitzkrieg against the British Isles, together with the probability that his armies will burst into action in the Balkans, very little has happened during this week to disturb our equanimity. Those in control of the situation in the British Isles are calmly and confidently awaiting the promised onslaught. The steadiness of warriors and civilians alike calls for the highest praise.

Whatever form the attack may take; from whatever quarter it may come, the certain

forecast may now be made that Germany will suffer a major defeat. Should mass air attacks be the German order of the day, Hitler will assuredly discover that his method reacts as a boomerang, and that British air forces will hit Germany harder and harder.

It is undoubtedly a moment of seriousness, and the extent of the ordeal cannot be gauged. What can be said is that British people will stand up to whatever Hitler, in his desperate madness, may decree. The one consolation is that each week brings us nearer the disintegration of the Axis, and thus nearer the day of reckoning.

country exposed on a flank it has always taken excessive care to protect.

## RUSSIA AND THE BALKANS

The position of Russia in the Balkans seems to count for less and less. Her dominant aim is to preserve her neutrality and seize what benefits she can while doing so. No free country would find itself more awkwardly placed than Russia if peace were declared to-morrow. She knows, and Germany knows, that the present pact is merely a convenience to Germany, and is the price Russia must pay to secure immunity from attack.

The numerous German divisions on the borders of Russia are a powerful inducement to the latter to think along the right lines—German lines. If Russia were strong and unafraid, it is unthinkable that she would have abandoned her stake in the Balkans. Only recently, she said she had not been consulted when Hungary signed the Axis pact, and later she gave the impression that she was backing up Bulgaria. But it is obvious now that she was willing to do this so long as she was not called upon to act. From the Baltic to the Black Sea Russia is shut in and ignored, and is content to face east in Asia, where she hopes to get concessions out of Japan in compensation for her loss of power in Europe. All she can do is to acquiesce in Germany's moves, since she can neither counter them, nor restrict them. Bulgaria had special ties with Russia, who alone among the Powers backed up her claims in the past. Britain, too, at one time was popular. It was said that Gladstone's portrait used to be found in every peasant's house.

Bulgaria having sold the pass, it would seem that the might of forty-three million Italians is to be backed by the power of eighty million Germans to crush seven million Greeks. What an ignominious position for Mussolini! Even in Sofia they suggest changing the name of the Boulevard Benito Mussolini to Boulevard Finilo Mussolini, and well they might. As the Prime Minister says, it will not require a Gibbon to write any volumes on the decline and fall of the modern Roman Empire. That will be left for the satirist and the caricaturist, for the theme is too mean and treacherous for an able pen.

What the fate of Greece will be it is hard to prophesy. One thing is certain, and that is that the Italians alone cannot beat them; whether German pressure will force them to come to terms it is difficult to say. Turkey intends to defend the integrity of her territory, and to hold the Dardanelles. This means she will bar the way to the oilfields of Iran, so what benefit Hitler will gain by attacking Greece is not easy to see, except that by doing so Germany emphasises the incompetence and the contemptible nature of the Italian forces and thereby increases the prestige of German troops in Italian eyes.

There has been considerable criticism of late concerning the incivility of some Government servants. Unfortunately, the criticism is not founded unjustly. There are, of course, many officials who are courteous personified, but it is because they are in the minority that they stand out as shining and happy examples amongst their contemporaries.

This streak of casual and, at times, almost studied rudeness, is hard to explain. If a doctor or solicitor treated his patients or clients in the off-hand manner adopted by some Government servants, he would soon be out of practice. Unfortunately, the prosperity of those who serve us is not in any way dependent upon their affability to the public.

I have sometimes thought that it is the inefficient man who adopts a cloak of gratuitous indifference to hide his shortcomings. It is true that efficiency does not lead to promotion in Government service, and this is probably the solution to the question of why people in one very particular sphere of life should, at times, be so unhelpful.

As I suggest above, if my butcher, baker or candlestick maker treated me with incivility, I should immediately take away my business. As far as Government is concerned, I must pay my tribute towards the salaries of those who, at times, annoy me intensely.

The question of the Colony's primitive sanitary arrangements has again come to the fore—as it has done for years and years. Possibly the olfactory sense of those who attend to our needs has never been offended by the stench which pervades the city and its environs in the early hours of the morning. I disagree with people who blandly dismiss the matter by referring to the paradoxical nature of Hongkong's make-up. The majority of the population is diseased-ridden, as all must admit. The foulness which stalks abroad during the early hours of the morning, especially during the hot season, must be one of the major causes of the pestilences which add to our death roll, even after a century of progress!

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# Stiff Proposition For South China Saints On Defensive

## Royal Navy May Provide Set-back To-morrow: Saints' Improvement

(By "SCRAMBLER")

WITH THE DEFEAT OF SING TAO in the shield by the lowly placed Saint Joseph's, the former team is now practically out of football competition, and they must await another season to make amends, unless either South China or Eastern make a slip between now and the final game. South China have, however, a stiff hurdle to overcome on Sunday when they are being entertained by the Senior service, conquerors of Royal Scots in the Shield.

Of late, the sailors have shown more understanding, and if they are capable of reproducing their form of the last two weeks, many things can happen. South China will have to look about for a re-shuffling of their line-up, and if their forwards are unable to stand up to shock tactics, they may yet find themselves behind in the final standings of the senior league.

The Navy defence is as sound as ever, with, perhaps, Britt the weak link. In Roughley and O'Regan, they have a pair of sound and steady backs, and Lahye and Hazard are tireless workers, the latter being good with his head. But the question is not so much just defence, for in being able to defend without aiding the attack, the work is

useless. They should try and concentrate also in feeding themselves.

The Navy attack has now found their sting. Honeywill is knitting his men together, and Hendy and Barber have both struck up an understanding with their respective wingers. They are now capable of obtaining goals.

South China cannot afford to drop another point at this stage, and they will no doubt go all out. In all probability they will be turning out the same Shield team.

However, their defence in Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai at back, and Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-no and Tse Kam-hung in the intermediate line is quite capable, but the centre half is not so steady as of old. If he allows the bustling Honeywill to get past him it may mean goals.

In attack, Lee Wai-tong will be leading again, with Chow Man-chi and Lau Chung-sang as his aides. The wingers will be Lee Tak-kee and Lee Shek-yau. Hazard and Co., will have to see to it that the wizard Lee is well looked after, and that his aides are not given chances to score. Provided the Navy defence are able to hold the Chinese in the first half, their chances are bright.

### Army Derby

A good game should be seen when the two Army teams meet. Royal Scots possess a fine forward line, but I do not think that they are capable of getting past the watchful trio of Sheehan, Bright and Freshwater.

In defence, the Diehards are sound, and much will depend on the work of their forwards.

Hossack and Auld are fast developing into a useful pair, and if they are able to get their wingers away on more occasions, they may be able to obtain the necessary goals. Saw will have to do a good deal more of work to get his men together, and I believe the battle will develop into the Royals' attack against the Diehards' defence. However, it would be hard to forecast the result, for this game will be played under cup-tie conditions, and it will be worth going a long way to see it.

### Saints Improved

THE SAINTS should be able to collect both points from Kwong Wah to-day. When they met last, the Mainland team were victorious by the odd goal in seven, and now that the Saints have found a useful combination, it will take more than the Kwong Wah's present form to beat them.

The Saints' defence are playing right at the top of form. Guy is a decided asset, and Leonard being his right hand man, they have a middle trio that is hard to beat, with Castilho making a welcome return. Hussain and Bowen are a pair of hefty backs, clearing and tackling well.

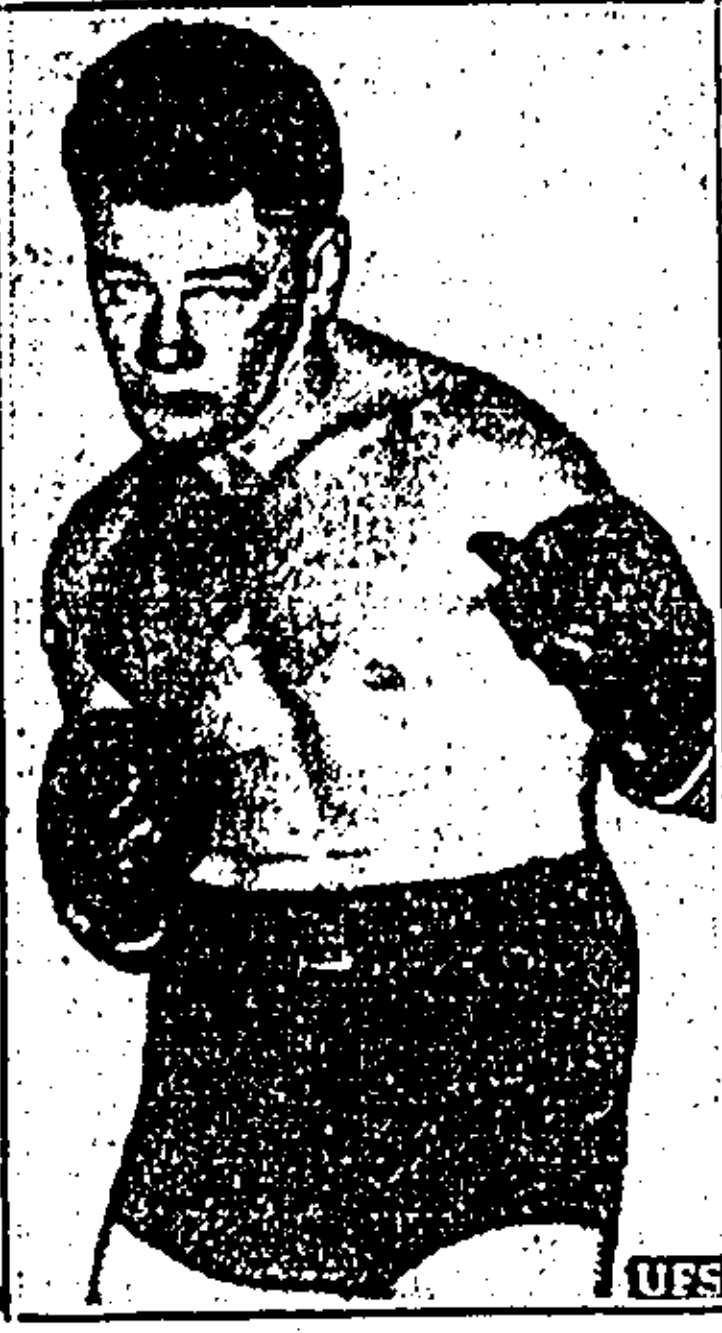
In the forward line, Flanders is good on the extreme left, and MacDonald appears to have found his form at last. They have all struck up an understanding, and it will take more than just Kwong Wah's defence to stop them.

Kwong Wah have lost touch in their forward line, where hesitancy to shoot cost them the match against Eastern. Even Cheuk Shek-kam, their most dangerous forward, was at fault. Unless they can change their mode of play, and unless their defence can help also in the attack, I am afraid they will not be able to stand up to the Saints.

## CHALLENGERS FOR JOE



Clarence (Red) Burman, above, and Bob Pastor, left, heavyweights challengers for Joe Louis' world boxing title. Burman is a protege of Jack Dempsey.



## London Counties XI Ready For Cricket Club Financial Difficulties

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—London Counties Cricket Eleven who, together with the British Empire team, saved cricket from extinction last season, are already looking ahead to next season.

The Committee, on which Andy Sandham and Jack Durston are serving, are satisfied with the achievements of last season both on and off the field.

Fixtures will be arranged shortly and the team will continue to operate in the London area, though they may seek more matches in the "safe" areas. It is expected that the players who appeared last summer and are engaged on war work will again be available.

### Sacrifice Needed

SEVERAL county clubs have emphasised the importance of

## Soccer League Fixtures

### To-day

#### SENIOR DIVISION

Royal Scots v Middlesex, Sookun-poo, kick off 4.30 p.m.  
St Joseph's v Kwong Wah, Caroline Hill, kick off 4.30 p.m.

#### FRIENDLY

Police v Eastern, Boundary Street, kick off at 4.30 p.m.

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

Police v Royal Scots, Boundary Street, kick off 3 p.m.  
Middlesex v Sing Tao, Sookunpoo, kick off at 3 p.m.  
30th R.A. v Kowloon, Caroline Hill, kick off at 3 p.m.

#### THIRD DIVISION

Shell v 28th R.A., St Joseph's, kick off at 3 p.m.  
12th R.A. v 20th R.A., Stanley, kick off at 3 p.m.  
35th R.A. v R.A.S.C., Stanley, kick off at 4.30 p.m.  
International v 24th R.A., Military, kick off at 4.30 p.m.  
Signals v R.E., Military, kick off at 3 p.m.

### To-morrow

#### SENIOR DIVISION

Navy v South China, Causeway Bay, kick off at 4.30 p.m.

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

R.A.O.C. v South China, Caroline Hill, kick off 4.30 p.m.  
Kit Chai v Club, Club ground, kick off 4.30 p.m.  
Navy v R.A.S.C., Causeway Bay, kick off at 3 p.m.  
R.E. v Kwong Wah, Caroline Hill, kick off at 3 p.m.

#### THIRD DIVISION

R.A.F. v R.A.M.C., Chatham Road, kick off at 4.30 p.m.  
7th R.A. v A.S.A., Sookunpoo, kick off at 3 p.m.

## Cyclones' Threat To League Leaders

(By "BALL FAN")

A FIVE-GAME SET-UP programme has been carded for this Sunday's softball session at the Kowloon ball park embracing teams in the two major loops and featuring the league leading St Joseph's burly ballhawks in defence of their top-spot position against the youthful hurricane gang from Cyclonoville.

The doormat Canadian Chinese nine renew their traditional rivalry against Abo Liu's Chinese Baseballers in an "all-Chinese" affair, while Honus Waggoner's marauding Mohawks return to the ball stadium again to-morrow, after their scrape-through win last Sunday, to make short work of the Filipino Club.

Two girls tilts have been carded, with Maple Leaf Canuckettes and the Chung Hwa Maroons mixing it in a "two-end Chinese" classic, while uncle Mike's Recrelo dandies make their final bow of the current campaign playing against the Little Flower brownies.

### Champions Weakened

OPENING the rearranged programme at 9 a.m., the Maple Leaf lassies should make it a real big win over Ella Chinn's rejuvenated Chung Hwa Maroons. Fresh from their clean-cut victory over the Las Florinhas ladies last week, the Florinhas have taken a new lease in life, but as yet, do not appear to have the necessary "oomph" to even approach the class of the Canuckettes.

## Weekly Wind-up

Honus Waggoner's Marauding Mohawks were given a real scare by the Chinese Baseballers last week—They seem to be losing much of the old pep in the final stretch drive—Dixie Walker's red-bird Cardinals staged an informal tea last week to wind up a grand season.

The Cards are planning to continue practicing throughout the summer—Eddie Gosano's shoulder injury last week just about makes the rough riding Recs, the tough luck team of the year—Mabel Bunn, Canuckette third-sacker, has been laid up the past two weeks with a severe cold.

Rosita Bagalawis, Card hind snatcher, is a virtual ball of fire out there on the diamond—She has the necessary drive so consistent with champions—The Cardinals are dicker for a post season game with the Canuckettes—Herbie Quon, Canuck fireball hurler, plays a snappy game, receiving behind the platter.

It's still a three way fight for the men's senior loop championship—St. Joseph's seem to have the inner track—However they still have a scheduled game against their main jinx, the Recrelo rough riders—Will history repeat itself—Rookie Cinnie Remedios, Rec second base-lasse, should have improvement written all over her when next season rolls around.

The champions will be greatly weakened by the loss of slugging Mabel Bunn and outfielder Vivienne Louie.

The reshuffled Maple Leaf infield will find winsome Alice Mar slated to take over Mabel's hot corner spot while Rosie Louie will handle them at short.

The champs shouldn't find the going too tough in taking this one, and will probably breeze in with a real scoring spree. Mike Mendonca, C. Marques and J. Fonseca are booked to handle the umpiring duties.

### Final Show

AT 10.45 a.m. with Herbie Quon, C. S. Chung and Al Lau calling them, the rough riding Recs and Las Florinhas brownies make their final appearance of the season in a "lowerclassing" game.

"This year's Recrelo zals" team is about the weakest ever chosen to represent the King's park club since the start of girls' softball locally, and plans are already under way to bolster the lineup before next season's start.

In dingdong Lopes, Cinnie "French Bank" Remedios, Melvy Campos and Ming Figueredo, the Recs have a quartet with real ball tossing ability, but that extra something hasn't come through with the breaks this year, leaving the rough riders a lowly second division club.

### Power to Control

THE senior loop games start at 1.30 p.m. with the leading St Joseph's ballhawks in a fracas with the youthful Cyclones. The Saints have an array of powerful willow-wielders that spell dynamite in its most explosive form, and will rely mainly on this style of attack to retain their lead at the top.

Cyclone manager A. M. Omar is banking on right-light flailing game, Kelly Silva-Netto in the box and a silent prayer to cope with these powerful sluggers, and expects to provide the major upset of the season by coming through with a win. Referees to handle this game are, Mike Mendonca, H. Campos and Chas. Figueredo.

### Dodging the Egg

AT 2.45 p.m. C.B.C. take on the bottom flight Canucks in "just another game", with Doc Molthen, Honus Waggoner and Dixie Walker supervising. The Maple Leaf's are

### Softball Schedule

#### LADIES LEAGUE

(at K.F.C.)

0.15a.m. Chung vs. Canuckettes.  
11a.m. Hwa vs. Las Florinhas.  
10.45a.m. Recrelo vs. Las Florinhas.

#### Men's Division

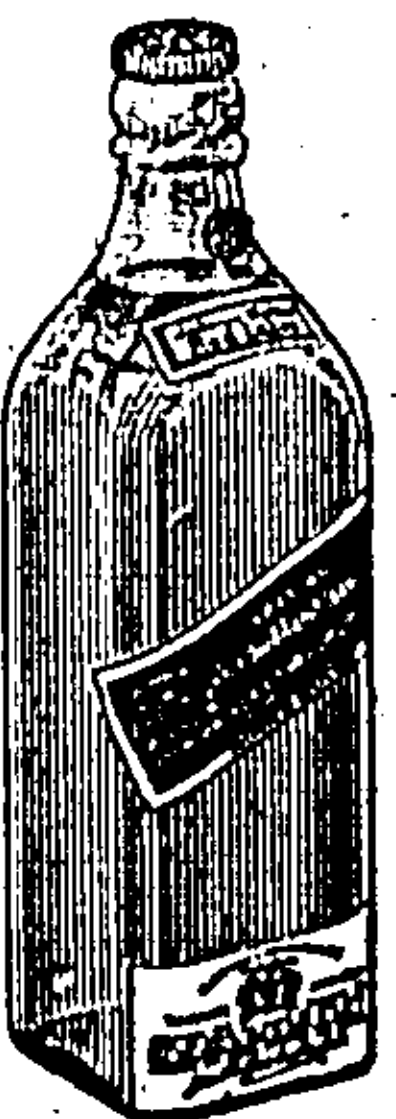
(at K.F.C.)

1.30p.m. St. Joseph's vs. Cyclones.  
2.45p.m. C.B.C. vs. Canadian Chin-  
4p.m. H.K.B. vs. Filipino Club.



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Third Day — Monday, 24th February  
Fourth Day — Tuesday, 25th February  
Fifth Day — Saturday, 1st March

On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27784) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.



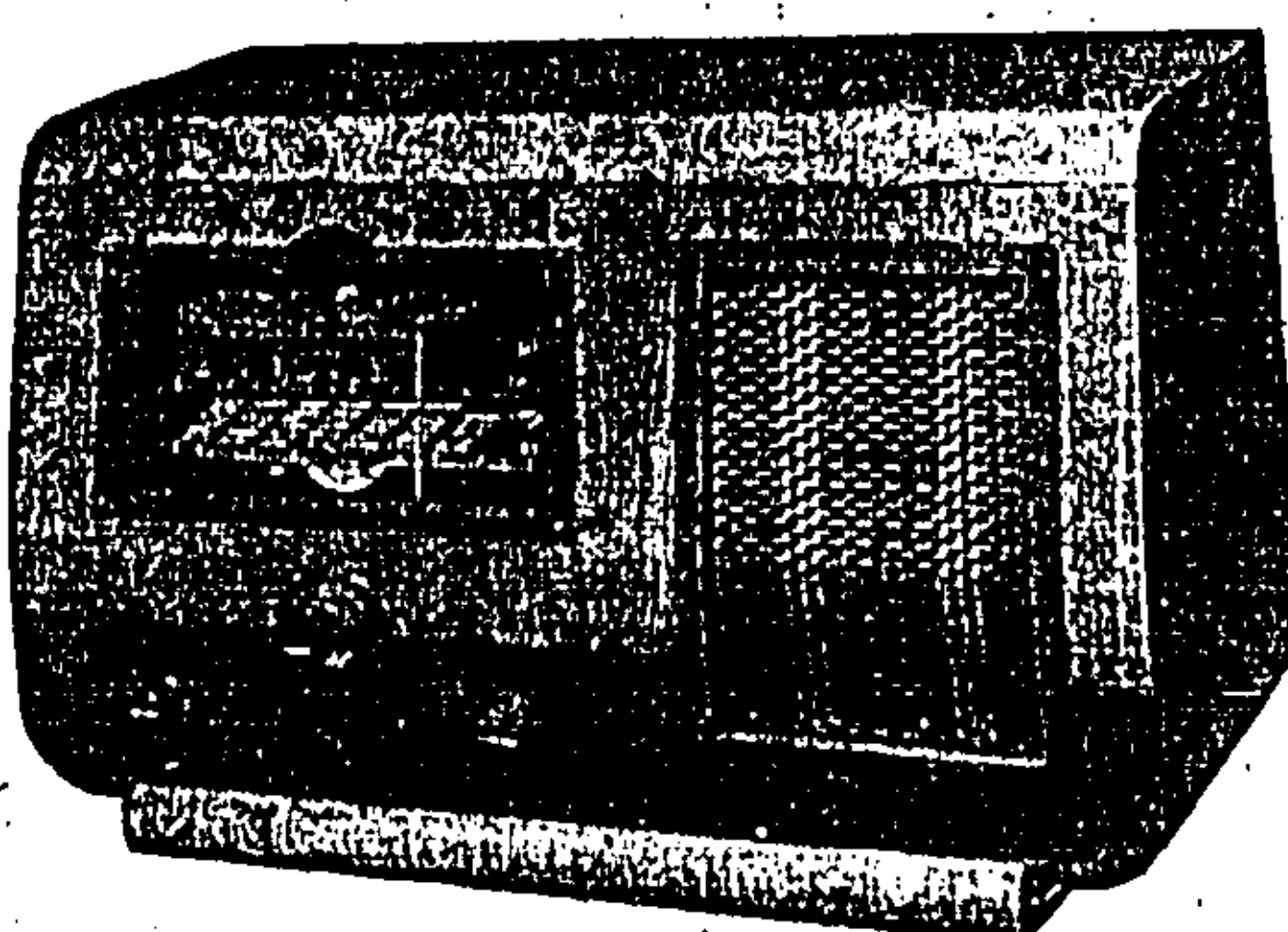






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## BLACK-OUTS

BECAUSE a considerable proportion of people living in Hongkong possess only a theoretical and second-hand knowledge of air raids, the Colony as a whole has yet to become conscious of the necessity of making black-outs thoroughly effective. It seemed that Wing Commander Steele-Perkins' strictures concerning the disregard of the lighting regulations this week were uttered more in sorrow than anger; ignorance is suggested as the basic cause for the comparative failure of the black-out on Wednesday and Thursday.

If the A.R.P. Director is convinced on this point the obvious course of action (apart from taking offenders to court) is to indulge in another publicity campaign amongst the Chinese. Press announcements and handbills may not be sufficient. It is conceivable that there are several thousands of Chinese here who can neither read nor write. But they can understand the spoken word; wherefore the authorities might find useful broadcasting vans touring the Chinese districts on both sides of the harbour from which, in simple language, could be explained what is required of everyone during the black-out exercises.

The complaint is that so many Chinese cannot comprehend that the first part of the exercises begin at sunset; this must be driven home to them somehow, even if the task entails novelty in methods. There is a good deal of room for improvement in other aspects of the exercises. Far too many cars are being permitted to continue their journeys after the "riders approaching" signal has been given; careless use of cigarettes and torches is common; possibly the ideal black-out, is too much to expect when it is only in the "war games" stage, but the A.R.P. authorities have a right to expect honest endeavours by the populace to conform with regulations.

The authorities, on the other hand, have their duty to the public, which may be to consider whether it is either desirable or necessary to make continual use of the alarm in the event of air raids. The wailer is a psychologically bad instrument; it has been largely abandoned in England, firstly because it became unnecessary as a result of the constancy of the air attacks, and secondly because the people came to regard it as simply a nerve-racking noise, accomplishing nothing of value. There is even a school of thought in England, led by Pemberton Billing, the noted aeronautical expert of the last war, which regards blackouts as defeating their own object; it is argued that the only effective way of stopping the night bombing is to make the country a blaze of lights which will "blind" the raiders and incidentally enable British fighters to take to the air and engage them. The theory is not likely to be tested, at least in Hongkong, so that the next best thing is to make our black-outs as effective as possible; if the populace needs more schooling on the subject, then the authorities must see that this is provided.

## COLONY'S FINANCES

### November Accounts Published

The Colony's assets again advanced slightly in November according to the statement of accounts for that month issued to-day.

Expenditure was \$4,370,770 against \$4,072,187 received, making the excess of assets over liabilities at the end of November \$21,305,408.

Detailed figures of the revenue in November show that revenue was up compared with November 1939 by \$4,072,178 against \$3,473,229. Similarly revenue for the first eleven months of 1940 was \$40,081,300 against a corresponding figure of \$38,240,457.

Revenue of last November's revenue were \$400,000, a decrease in assessed taxes on increase in internal revenue; and a decline of \$50,000 from the Post Office. War Revenue brought in \$174,221.

Expenditure last November was \$4,370,770 against \$2,813,023 in November the previous year. Comparative figures for the first eleven months were \$42,047,082 against \$33,866,418.

Outstanding items in last November's accounts were charitable services (up \$100,000); Harbour Department (up \$100,000); Medical Department (up \$150,000); Stores Department (up \$500,000), all compared with November, 1939.

## APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

— Official —

The following Government appointments are notified in the "Government Gazette" of to-day:

Professor W. I. Gerrard, O.B.E., M.D., has been appointed a member of the Nurses Board for a further term of three years with effect from March 13.

Dr. E. B. Wilkinson has been appointed to be a member of the Nurses Board, during the absence from the Colony of Professor W. I. Gerrard. The appointment is effective from March 13.

Mr. A. R. S. Major has been appointed a member of the Committee to administer the Mercantile Assistance Fund of Hongkong, vice Mr. E. C. Luscombe, with effect from February 20.

The Hon. Mr. R. Todd has been appointed Director of Widows and Orphans' Pensions, vice Mr. H. R. Butler.

Dr. J. Duran has been appointed a member of the Medical Board for a term of three years, with effect from March 1.

Major R. D. Walker, M.C., has been appointed to be Director of Supply.

Mr. P. H. Suckling has been appointed an unofficial Justice of the Peace.

Mr. R. R. Todd has been appointed a member of the Council of the Hongkong University, during the absence from Hongkong of Mr. H. R. Butler, with effect from February 24.

Mr. Lo Man-hin has been appointed a member of the Food and Firewood Control Board in addition to the members previously appointed.

Messrs D. and W. F. Fild, resumed duty as Consul and Assistant Consul respectively on February 26.

**Shipping Control Board.**  
The following have been appointed to the Shipping Control Board, for the purpose of giving advice to the Government in matters relating to the control of shipping:

Lieut. Comdr. J. Jolly (Harbour Master), Chairman; The Hon. Mr. J. Paterson, The Hon. Mr. H. Dodwell, Comdr. The Hon. Mr. R. W. T. Gould, W. H. Lock, S. T. Williamson, and E. H. Rny, Secretary.

## Chinese Recruits For R.N.V.R.

It is notified that recruiting of Chinese personnel for the engineering branch of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve will commence forthwith.

Candidates must be: (1) British-born Chinese; (2) Have a sound knowledge of English, written and spoken; (3) Must be aged 22 to 32; (4) Have practical experience in the use of tools and repair of steam (coal and oil driven) engines, internal combustion engines, ship's auxiliary and electrical machinery; and (5) Must be available for full-time mobilisation if and when required.

Applications should be made to the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force Office, York Building (2nd Floor), between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. on March 3, 4 and 5.

## Italian Attacks Smashed By Greeks

— FROM PAGE ONE —

corts raided Valona aerodrome yesterday and dropped very large numbers of bombs which exploded all over the aerodrome and hangars, says a communique to-day by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

Administrative buildings were repeatedly hit.

Seven enemy CR42 fighters were shot down in the ensuing combat and two others collided in mid-air and were destroyed.

The British aircraft all returned safely.

Hurricanes yesterday, in their second action since their arrival in Greece, brought their number of victims to 13 without loss to themselves.

## Volunteer Orders For The Coming Week

Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C.,  
Commanding Hongkong Volunteer  
Defence Corps.

### 1. Obligatory

The Commandant regrets to announce the death of C.S.M. H. E. Slatery, No. 4 Company, which occurred on 22.2.41.

2. Recruits Medical Examination.  
Fri., Mar. 1, 11.0 a.m. Orderly Medical Officer, G. T. Halsey.

3. Promotion Examination Result.  
The following members of No. 4 Company, who have passed the examination to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, held on 22.2.41:—

Cooke, A/Sgt. L. O. Davis, Cpl. H. S. L. The following units and other personnel as detailed will proceed to camp on Fri. Mar. 1, under instructions already issued:—

No. 1 Company, No. 4 Company, No. 5 Company, No. 7 Company, Army Sergeant, No. 4 Company, Those detailed, Field Ambulance (those detailed).

### 7. Parades

(a) Corps Artillery.  
Qualifications.—The following members of 2nd Bty qualified as gunlayers on 10.2.41 (in order of merit):—

Gnr. K. J. (Regulated), Gnr. J. Ferguson (Regulated), Gnr. J. O. E. C. Marton (Regulated), Gnr. J. O. E. C. Marton (Regulated), Gnr. J. O. E. C. Marton (Regulated).

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Gnr. A. Grant, Gnr. E. E. Hultemeier, Gnr. E. E. Hultemeier, Gnr. E. E. Hultemeier, Gnr. E. E. Hultemeier.

(b) 1st Battery.—Tues., Mar. 4, 11.0 a.m. Battery training at O'Aguilar. Dress as usual.

(c) 2nd Battery.—Mon., Mar. 3, 11.0 a.m. Gun Detachment and "B.O.F." drill. Dress as usual.

(d) 3rd Battery.—Thurs., Mar. 6, 11.0 a.m. Gun Detachment and "B.O.F." drill. Dress as usual.

(e) 4th Battery.—Tues., Mar. 4, 11.0 a.m. Gun Detachment and "B.O.F." drill. Dress as usual.

(f) 5th A.A. Battery.—Tues., Mar. 4, 11.0 a.m. Gun Detachment and "B.O.F." drill. Dress as usual.

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## SECURITY ORDERS

### Defence Areas May Be Named

The "Government Gazette" announces to-day that if it appears to the Governor to be necessary or expedient so to do, he may declare any area in the Colony to be a defence area, and thereupon—

(a) it shall be the duty of every person in that area to comply with any orders issued on behalf of the Chief Security Officer for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by an enemy or of protecting persons and property from the damage involved in any such attack; and

(b) the Chief Security Officer may issue orders or give directions regulating or prohibiting the entry of persons, vehicles or animals into that area;

Provided that in exercising any powers conferred on him under this regulation the Chief Security Officer shall be subject to the control and direction of the Governor.

(2) Subject to any directions given by the Governor, the Chief Security Officer may, to such extent and subject to such restrictions as he thinks proper, delegate all or any of the functions conferred on him under this regulation to any specified persons or class of persons.

Upon the "overturning" of a vehicle or vessel on an occasion on which the driver has failed to stop when lawfully required to do so, any constable or member of His Majesty's Forces has reasonable ground for suspecting that there is to be found in the vehicle or vessel evidence of the commission of a war offence, may search the vehicle or vessel and may seize any article found therein which he has reasonable ground for believing to be evidence of commission of any such offence.

It is further stated that the powers conferred in the new Order will be in addition to and not in derogation of the powers conferred by any other of these Regulations.

## Search Of Sea & Land Vehicles

### New War Powers

A new Order has been promulgated under the Defence Regulations and is notified in to-day's "Government Gazette". The Order gives the Police and members of His Majesty's Forces in uniform power to stop and search vehicles on the road, and vessels on the waterways, which are suspected of committing war offences.

It says that the person driving or in control of any road vehicle or any vessel on water to which the public have access, or any inland navigation, shall stop the vehicle or vessel on being required to do so by a constable or member of His Majesty's Forces being in uniform and on duty.

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## Immigration Commission

### Scope Of Inquiry

It is announced in to-day's "Government Gazette" that the following Commissioners have been appointed to investigate and report on the administration of the Immigration Department:—Sir Atholl MacGregor, (Chairman), Mr. C. B. Brown, A.C.A., J.P., Mr. David Drummond, J.P., and Mr. Woo Hang-kam, L.L.B., J.P.

Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, J.P., has been appointed Secretary to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will inquire into and report on the manner in which the Immigration Department has been administered since its inception; the manner in which its staff has been assembled and the suitability of the appointments or recruited; the adequacy of the agency system instituted in it; and the treatment and facilities accorded to the public with which the Department and its personnel have been brought into contact.

The Commissioners will receive oral and written evidence and will ascertain and report on whether there has been any avoidable lack of efficiency, judgment, or fact in relation to the foregoing matters. They will also make such recommendations as they may think fit.

## Castel Rosso Withdrawal

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The British forces which landed on the island of Castel Rosso, a small Italian island with a scapline base in the Eastern Mediterranean, last Tuesday, have now been withdrawn, having accomplished their object, says a joint Admiralty and War Office communique issued to-night.

Plane Base Destroyed  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Army and Navy officials refused to comment on the evacuation of Castel Rosso in view of the fact that operations in that area may still be going on. However, it is known that the Italian scapline base on the island may be assumed to be destroyed.

## NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C.

1. Mon., Mar. 3.—Advanced lecture, Military Hospital, 5.30 p.m. Office workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier 6.20 p.m.

2. Mon., Mar. 3.—First Aid Examination, 11.0 a.m.

3. Wed., Mar. 6.—Home Nursing Examination, 11.0 a.m.

Thurs., Mar. 7.—Advanced lecture, Military Hospital, 5.30 p.m. Non-Office workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier, 2.45 p.m. via Vol. H.Q.

5. Fri., Mar. 7.—A.R.P. Lecture, 5.30 p.m. at A.R.P. H.Q., Happy Valley. Transport leaves Queen's Pier, 6.20 p.m.

6. Leave.—Mar. 8. Groundwater.—21.2.41.—21.4.1. Mrs. C. Shore.—22.4.1.—22.4.1. Mrs. D. Yale.—23.4.1.—23.4.1.

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

## Rumanian Plebiscite Is A Farce

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Rumanian plebiscite reported being held on Sunday by General Antonescu on "Yes" or "No" lines was described by the Free Rumanian National Committee spokesman here as a "farce."

One can easily imagine, he added, the conditions under which the plebiscite is forced on the Rumanian nation under a double dictatorship and a terror regime—that of General Antonescu and the German troops.

He recalled the British Ambassador's statement after leaving Bucharest when the latter said that 80 per cent of Rumanians are pro-British and opposed to German collaboration.

The Free National Committee is headed by M. V. V. Tilca, former Rumanian Minister in London.

**Magnate Sentenced**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The property of Max Ausnit, Rumanian steel king, who is now in prison in Bucharest, has been confiscated by the Rumanian authorities, states a Bucharest telegram to the official Italian agency.

Arrested in November, 1939, on charges of fraud and infringement of currency laws, Ausnit was sentenced to six years' penal servitude, four years' banishment and a fine of 10,000 lei.

**VICHY EXPECTED  
TO ACCEPT**  
— FROM PAGE ONE —

Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Treasury, said he had not received any reports regarding the mobilization of Japanese warships off the Indo-China coast.

**Simply Advised**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The report from Tokyo that all British subjects have strict orders to leave Saigon is not entirely correct, says "Reuters" diplomatic correspondent.

The truth is that sometime ago British subjects in Indo-China, who had no very pressing reasons for remaining in the country, were advised to leave.

**Thai Premier**  
BANGKOK, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Thai Prime Minister, Luang Phibul Songgram, has reiterated Thailand's desire for "equal friendship with all friendly Powers," says the Thailand radio.

Ex-King Prajipok, of Siam, was reported to have said in an interview that "under an absolute monarchy, the people of Thailand knew that Thailand was included in Japan's expansion scheme. At that time, Thailand's policy was one of maintaining very intimate friendship with Britain."

It is to be hoped that the present government will not change this policy.

The radio commentator to-day stated that the Thai Prime Minister doubted the accuracy of the statement and pointed out that it was inconsistent with the Thai National Assembly's declared policy of maintaining equal friendship with all friendly powers.

**Bulgaria Due To  
Sign Pact**  
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As a result, the arrested men were released.

Strong action by the British Minister has also secured the release of his butler, who has been mobilised without warning in the early hours of this morning. The butler was allowed to return to his post later in the day.

The British Minister also discussed with the Premier the extent of Bulgaria's mobilisation which, in the British Minister's view, is entirely unjustifiable under the present circumstances.

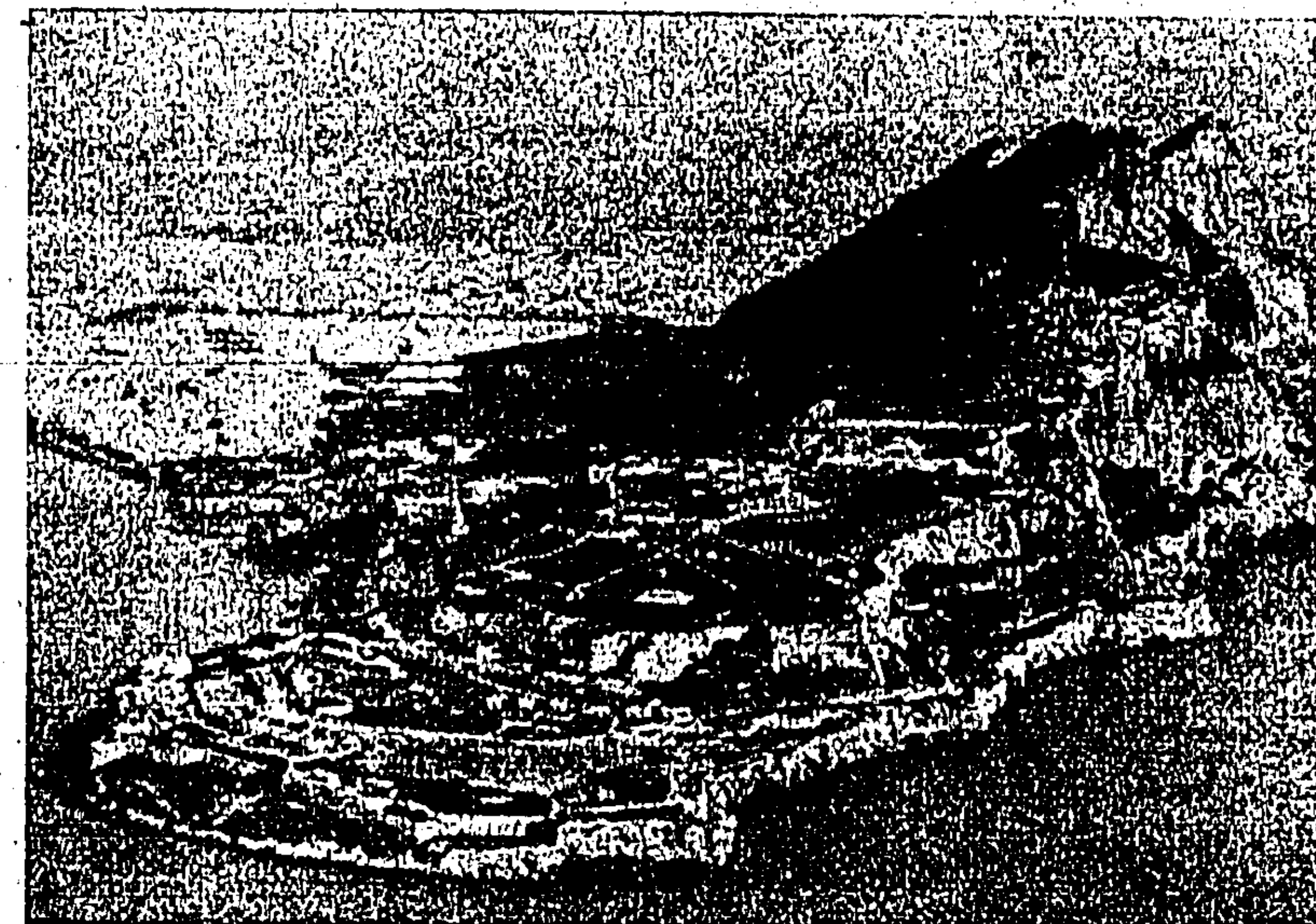
All telephone lines to foreign countries are at present down.

**Italian Received**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Despatches seeing the British Minister, M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, to-day received the Italian Minister, according to a Sofia telegram.



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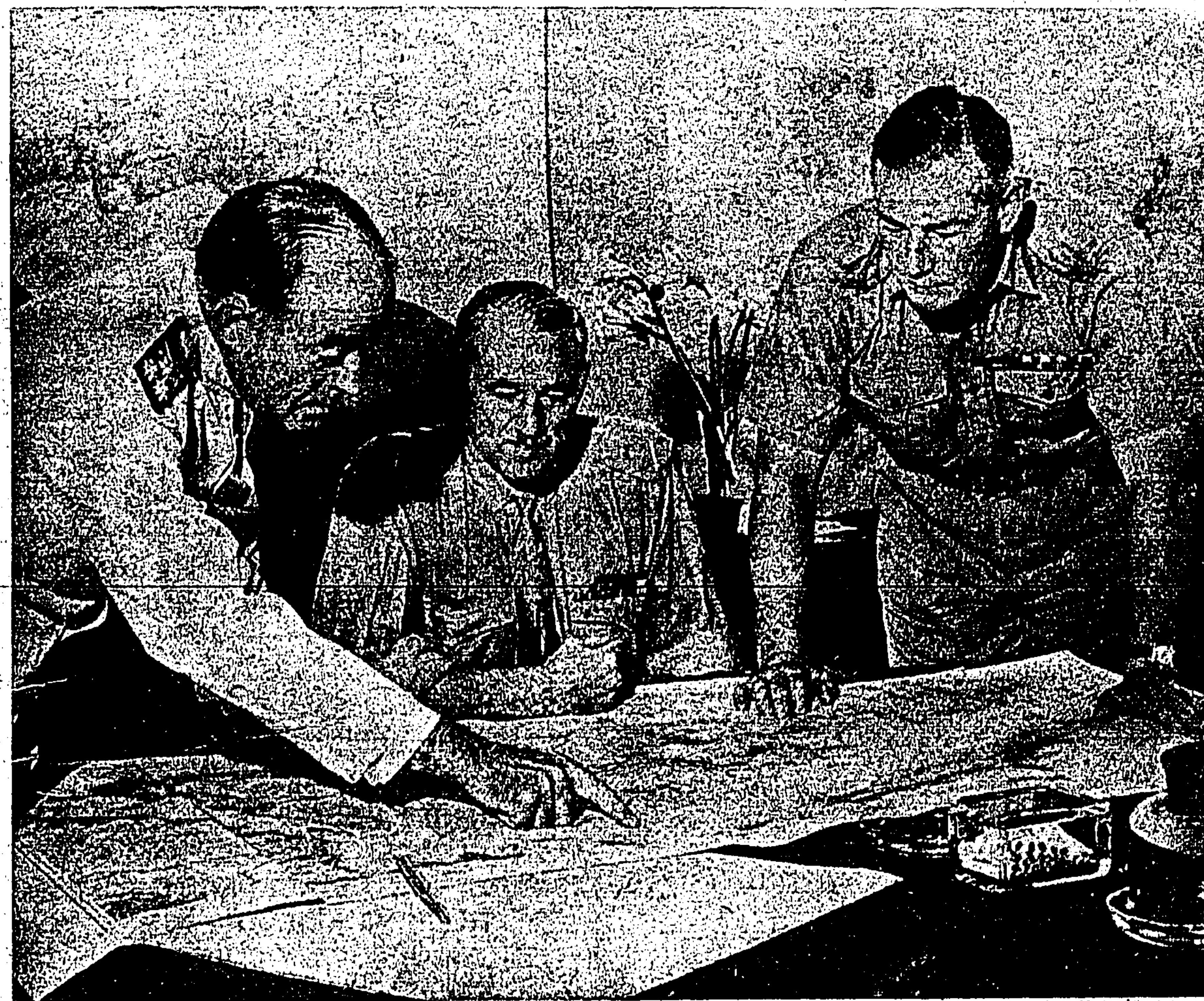
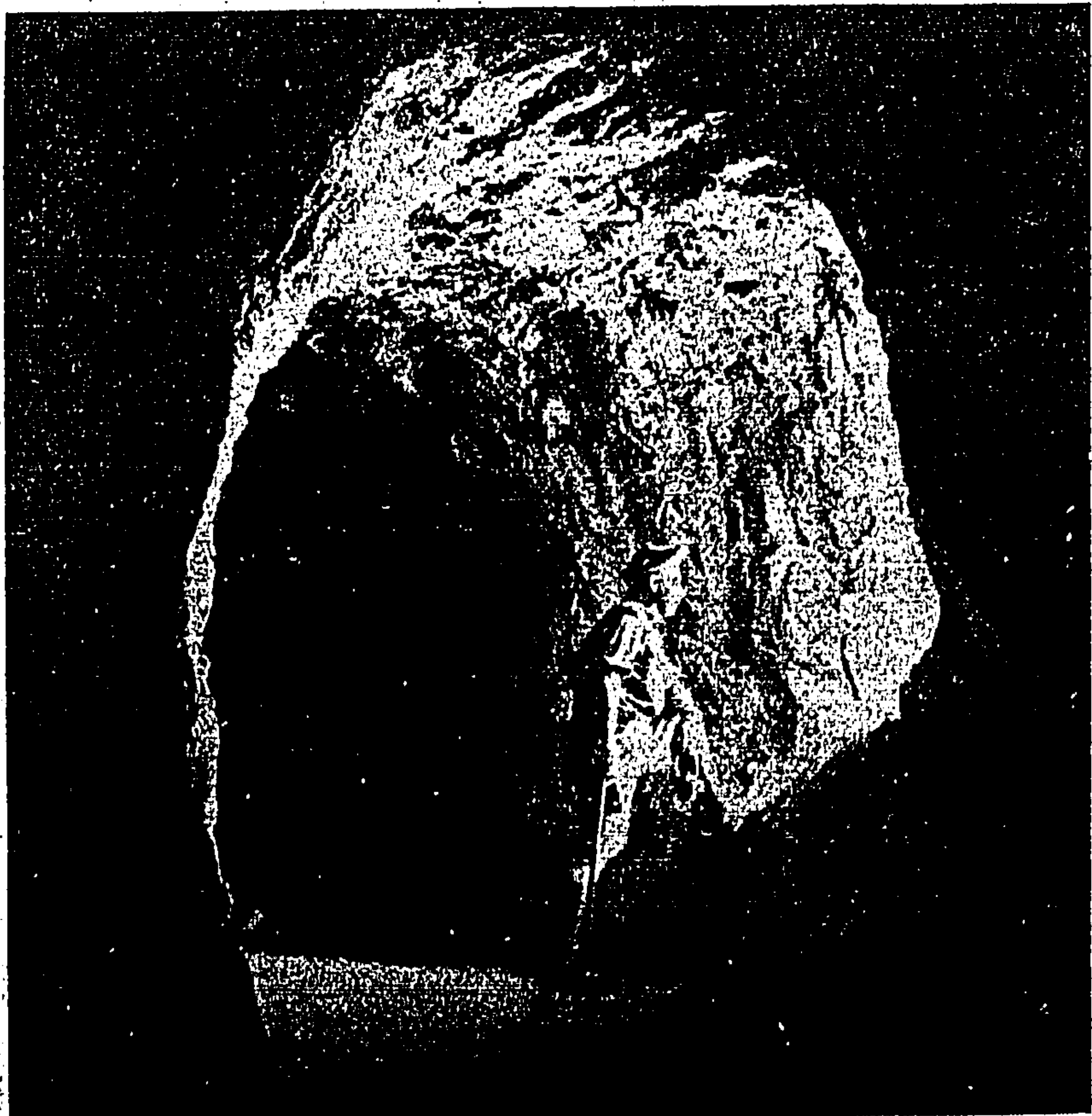
## GIBRALTAR



These are new pictures, taken by Jarcho, the well-known press photographer, of Britain's famed fortress at the western entrance of the Mediterranean. The picture on the right, above, gives a comprehensive view of The Rock as it confronts the airman. At left, above, soldiers are ramming home a 9.2-inch shell on top of The Rock. From this great vantage point no enemy ship could approach within range of these guns, because the heaviest warship cannot stand up to the heavy shore batteries.



Ready for all comers. A Bren gunner of the Black Watch on guard at one of the many strong posts on the rocky fortress. Note the remarkable formation of the rock, which affords natural bomb-proof shelters as shown in the lower picture. These "Galleries" were cut by the Moors in centuries gone by, and are now used to billet troops.



A rare photograph of the brains behind the defence of Gibraltar. Shown in conference are Admiral Sir Dudley North, Naval Commander-in-Chief, Lieut-General Sir Clive Liddell, Governor, and Major-General F. N. MacFarlane, Military Commander. On the shoulders of these three rests the task of repelling all attacks by sea, land or air. Below, a typical daily scene in Gibraltar's main street, familiar to generations of British sailors and soldiers. All women and children have been evacuated, and there are few civilians still in Gibraltar.





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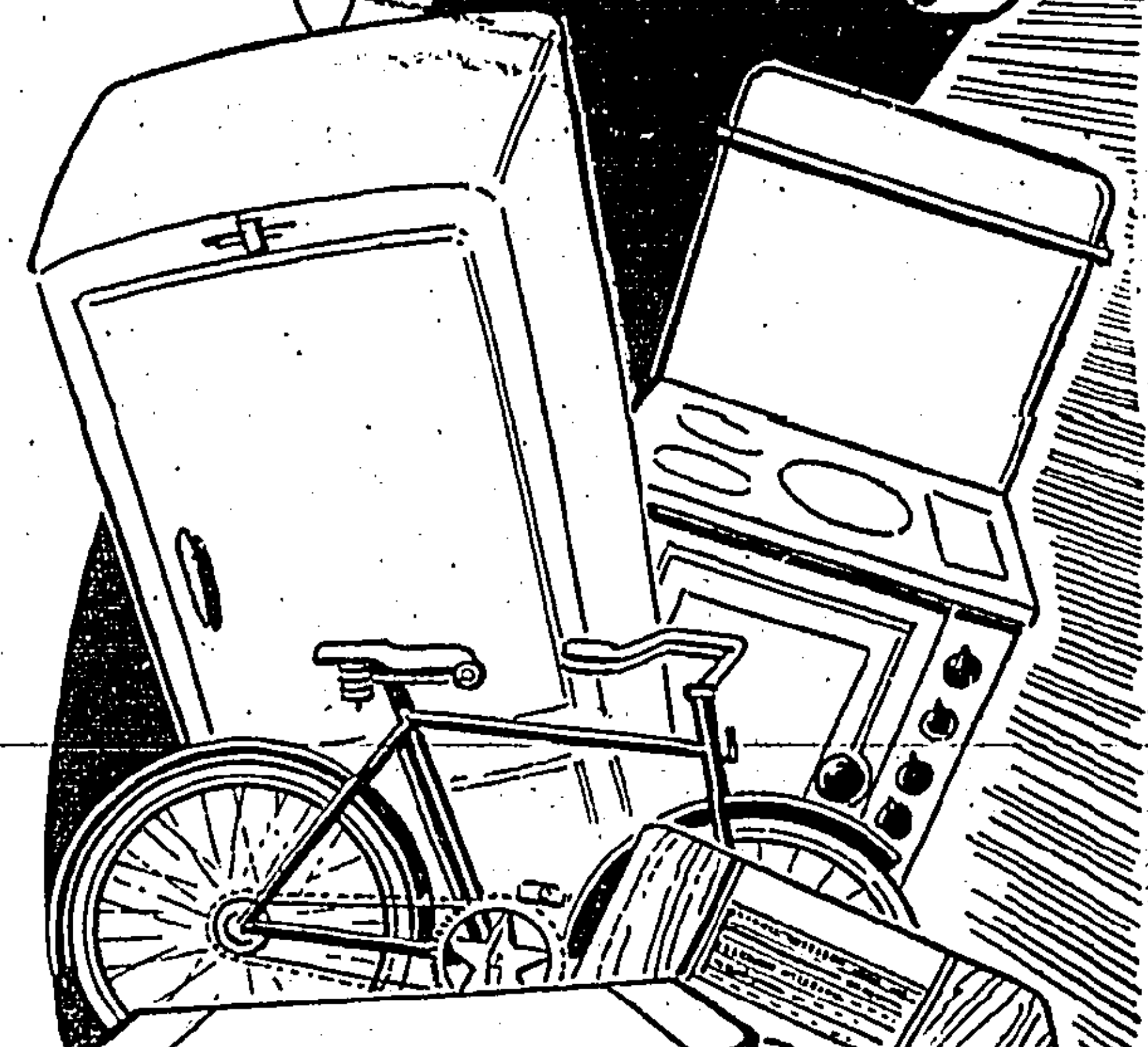
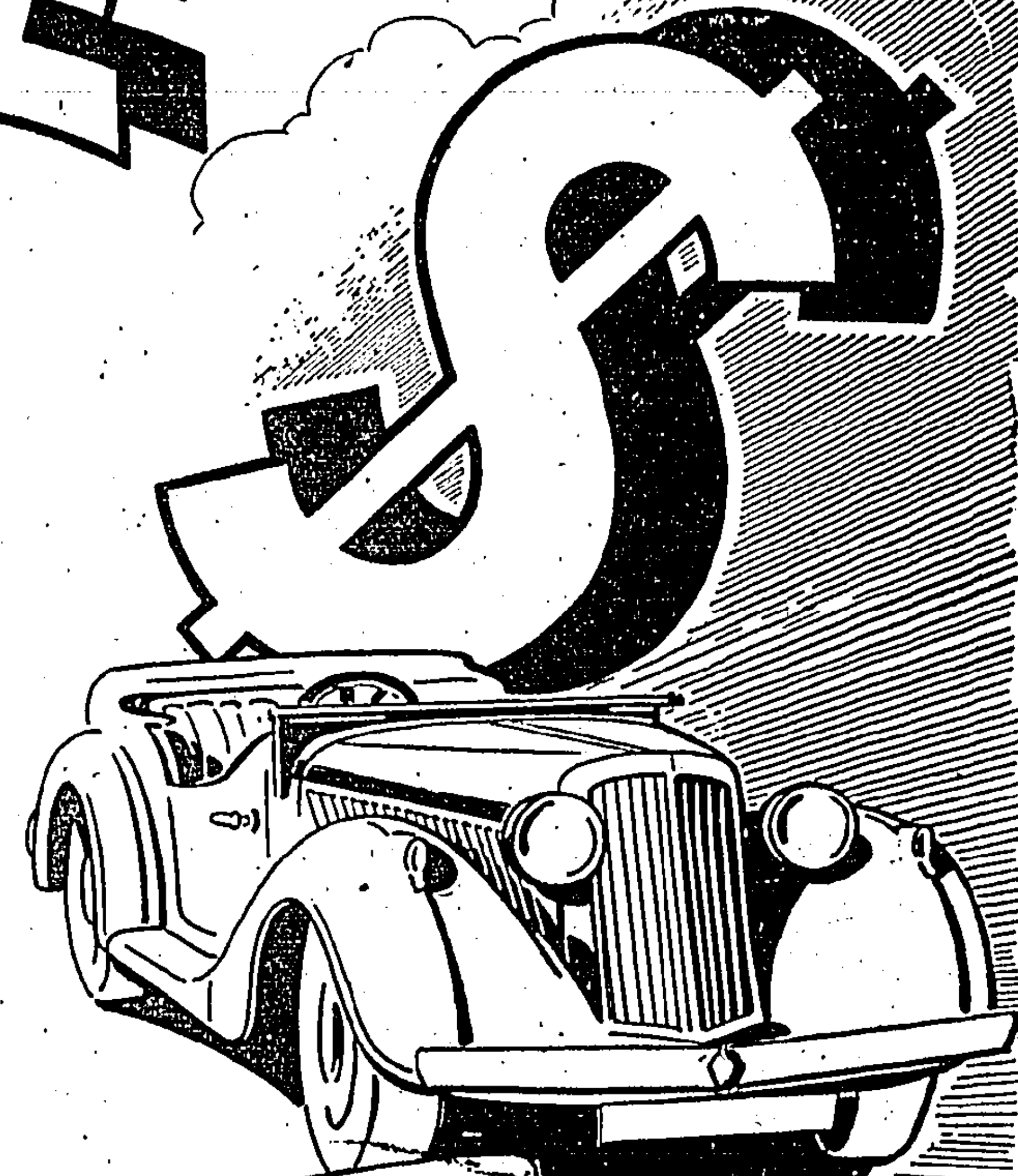
His Honour Sir A. D. A. MacGregor, Kt. has kindly consented to supervise the drawing of Prizes, which will be conducted by Messrs. Linstead & Davis in conjunction with the Hongkong Jockey Club.

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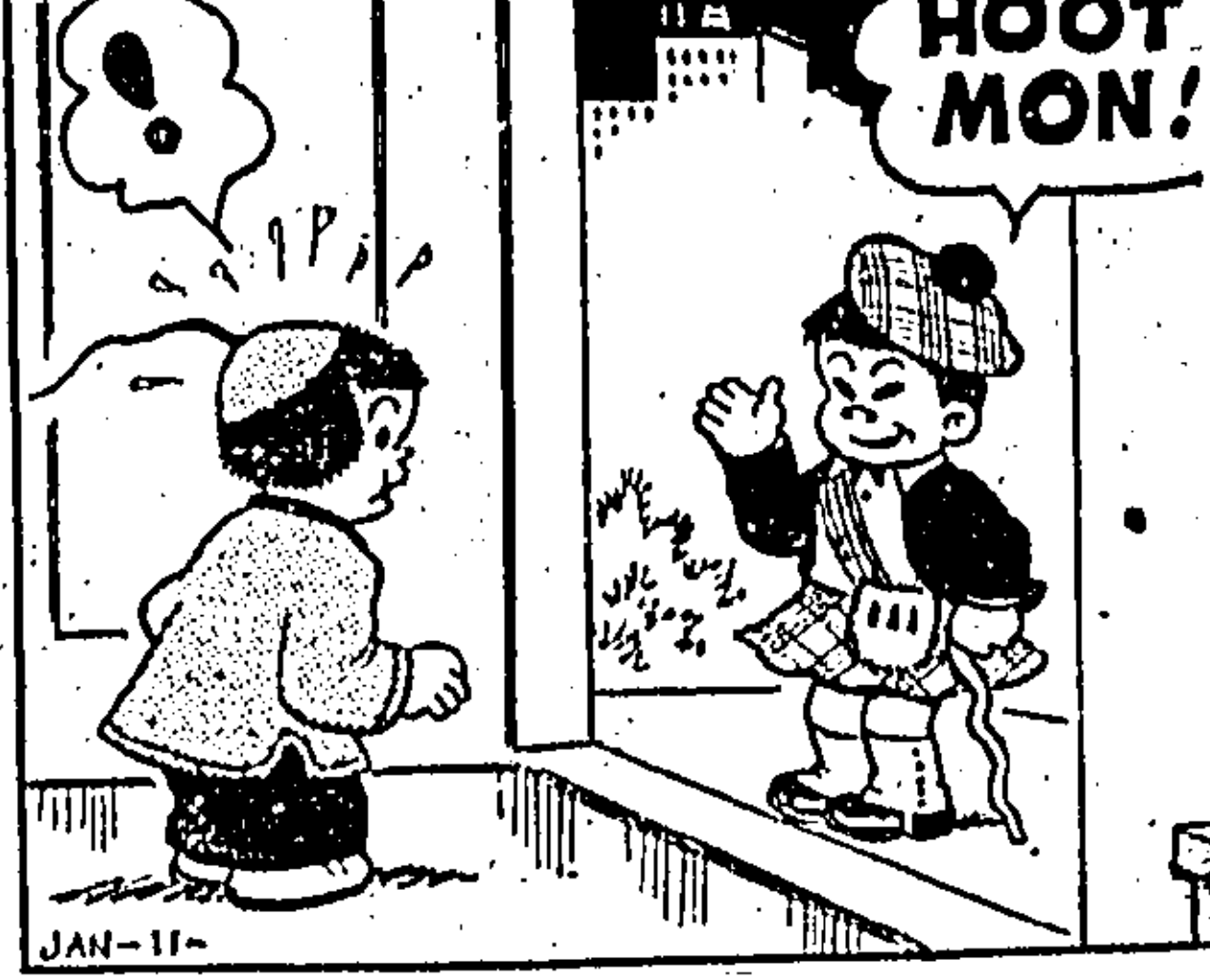
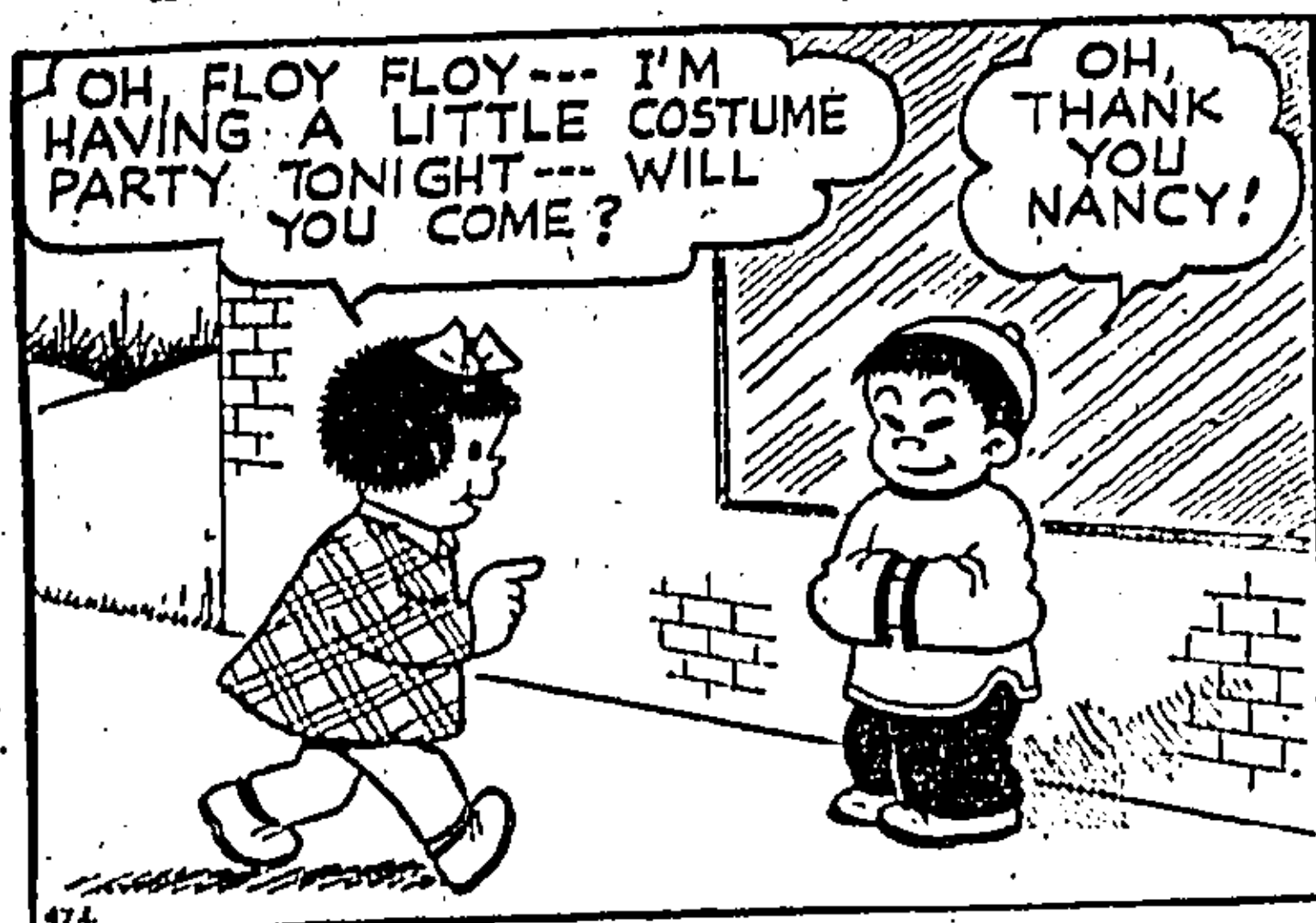
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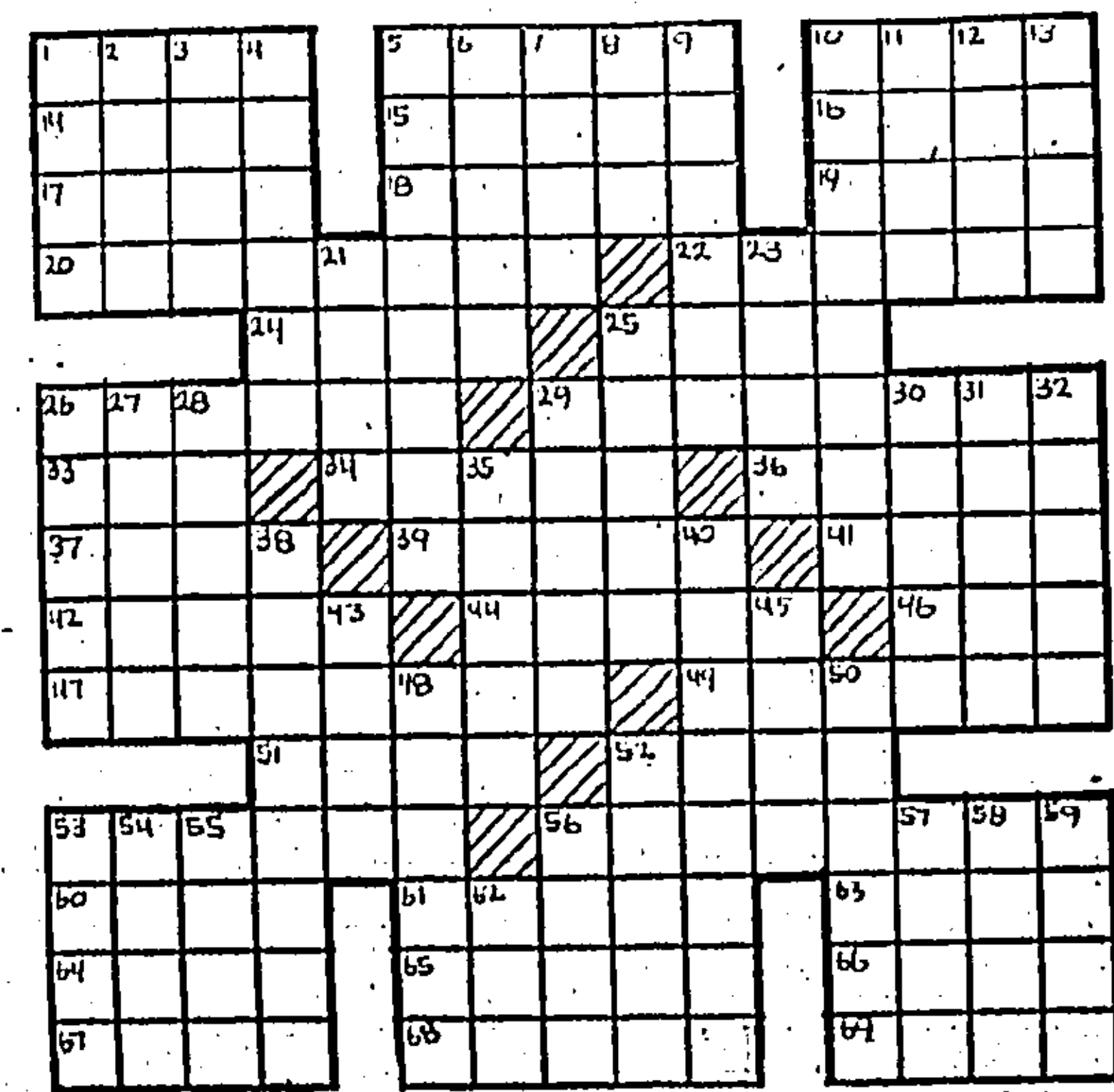
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ACROSS

- 1—Algonquin tribe
- 2—Member of mendicant monastic order
- 3—Sharp, horny nail
- 4—Device for propelling boats
- 5—Tribute with toll
- 6—Wander on
- 7—Tribute on attack
- 8—Believed from
- 9—Baking chamber
- 10—Swelling disease
- 11—Herald's station
- 12—Dresses in separate fibers
- 13—Male graduates of school
- 14—Conic section
- 15—Long time
- 16—Terminated
- 17—Enfolded body of water (pl.)
- 18—Jamb
- 19—Ancient Roman guardian spirits
- 20—Utter wildly
- 21—Excite to action
- 22—Imagery
- 23—Small vegetable
- 24—Make indifferent
- 25—Conservative
- 26—External appearance of person
- 27—At this place
- 28—Pallid bluish
- 29—Lake in New York
- 30—Garment of Hindu women
- 31—That are here present
- 32—Sacred bull worshipped by Egyptians

DOWN

- 1—Expense
- 2—Capture by force
- 3—Ancient native name for Ireland
- 4—Heard as having
- 5—Transitory
- 6—Chestnut and gray horse
- 7—Month now passing (abbr.)
- 8—Years of life
- 9—More crimson
- 10—Transverse bar
- 11—Affectionate devotion
- 12—State
- 13—Departed
- 14—Thick of long hair
- 15—And others (Latin abbr.)
- 16—Wildly set
- 17—Neat of predatory bird
- 18—Wearing machines
- 19—Not suitable
- 20—Pencil
- 21—African ruminant
- 22—Embroidered to prevent overflow
- 23—Lipid name
- 24—Concurrent
- 25—Fabled marine creature
- 26—Payment for use of my
- 27—Remained to prone position
- 28—North-American rail
- 29—Embrace closely
- 30—Photograph again
- 31—Celerity of movement
- 32—Absolute ruler
- 33—Perfidious friend of Cithere
- 34—Former allowance for transportation
- 35—Appear
- 36—Unclouded
- 37—Nude lustrous
- 38—Poisonous serpents
- 39—Stitched edge of garment



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# Europe Comes Out Of Its Trance

We must help the saboteurs in occupied countries Says W. N. EWER

"SABOTAGE!" The word is beginning to creep into messages, public and private, from all over Europe. The thought is beginning to worry the Nazis.

How much it worries them you may judge from the fact that the moment those very effective landslides crash—down on the Oslo-Bergen railway, the Gestapo took it for granted that they were no "acts of God," but acts of men.

They are now constantly expecting sabotage: because they are constantly experiencing it.

Not always in so dramatic form as avalanches of rock. But all the time troublesome little accidents and incidents.

Sometimes rather grim "accidents." Many such in Norway have befallen known Quislingites who have ventured out at night and have ended in the hospital—or in the mortuary.

Now they have orders to stay indoors during the blackout, or, if they must sally out, to go under escort.

### Growing Hope

In Amsterdam, a Swedish correspondent reports, 133 people have been drowned in canals during the blackout. Oddly enough, most of them happen to have been Germans.

In The Hague, the German authorities have ordered the municipality to put 10 miles of railing along the canal banks.

In the German-controlled French Press of Paris you will find day after day complaints of "sabotage," warnings to "saboteurs."

A letter I had recently from a Belgian Socialist talks of "acts of sabotage" that show the real feelings of the Belgian workers.

From Poland, from Czechoslovakia, the same story.

So troubled are the German authorities that they may say now, the fact stands

out. They have not marched against England.

The armies marshalled in the Channel ports, to be taken in the assembled ships and barges over the narrow sea for the Battle of Britain, are still in those ports—or have been withdrawn out of range of the bombers.

Whatever the Luftwaffe may have done, it has not conquered the air and cleared a passage for the tanks.

Nearly eight months have gone since the Continent was promised that "the British Empire is in immediate danger of destruction"—and nothing has happened.

### News Spreads

London and Coventry, Birmingham and Bristol and Southampton have been badly bombed; but so have Berlin and Hamburg and the Ruhr and all Germany's industrial centres.

Whatever Goebbels may do, news of the R.A.F. gets round—and loses nothing in the going. Eight months ago the German seemed so irresistible. To-day Hitler seemed so infallible. To-day they are beginning to hope again.

### Hypnotised

It is hard for them to get the true news. They do not know just what is happening. But they do know what has not happened.

And that, by the way, is true. They remember how in July the Nazi Press was promising that "the decisive attack on Britain is imminent."

It declared that "there is only a slight possibility of England offering any military resistance."

It threatened at the same time that "London's fate will be the fate of Warsaw—nothing can hold up the German advance."

The final attack was being prepared. Inexorable destruction was a question of days and hours.

The peoples of the Continent remember all that. At the time they believed it. They were and they are hypnotised by the sight of the collapse of France.

There had grown up a myth day, this new hope. "what the French call a 'mythic'—of the invincibility of the German armies, of the infallibility of Hitler.

Even here there were people who were hypnotised.

I remember when the story ran that Hitler had said that he would dictate peace in London by August 15, a very distinguished English journalist said to me gloomily: "He doesn't bluff; and he has never been wrong yet."

### Still Waiting

When I mildly suggested that it might not be exactly easy for a big mechanised army to cross the Channel, he accused me of "wishful thinking!"

If it were like that with some people here, it was a hundred-fold more like that with people in Nazi-dominated Europe, ex-

posed all day and every day to Nazi victory propaganda.

Everywhere, Germans sang their theme song, "We are Marching Against England."

July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

Whatever Nazi propagandists may say now, the fact stands

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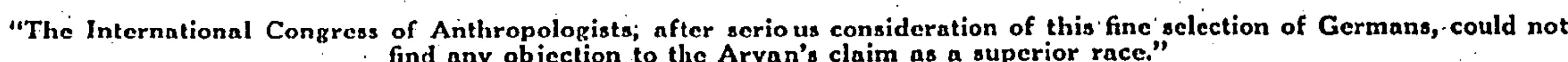
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But to-day the spirit of excess is certainly not fostered by the New Army or by the Navy. The play-boy and the maker of whoopee have not been cast for parts this time. The war has come to Edinburgh's front-door and it has discovered the East Coast Scot for what he is—a dour and determined fighter.

the noted Muslim author

Yes, the war has stirred Edinburgh down to its marrow-bones. As one Glasgow man said to me: "It's taken the starch out of Edinburgh's 'bolloed shirt'". It has certainly done away with some of the shyness in the Edinburgh system, which some people have mistaken for aloofness or social superiority.

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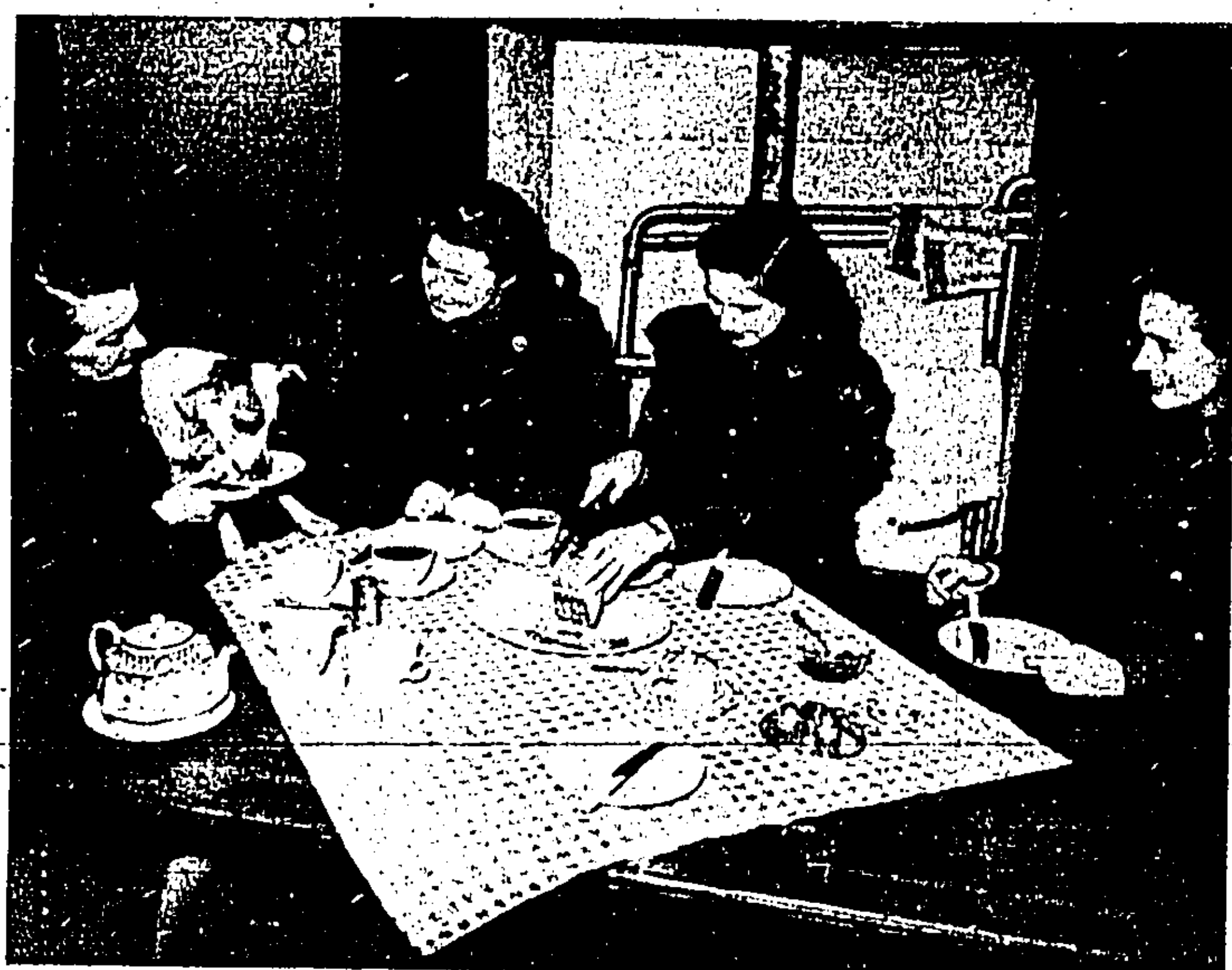




**QUEEN AT UNION JACK CLUB**—The King and Queen recently paid a visit to the Union Jack Club, the famous London hostel for soldiers, sailors and airmen. Picture shows Her Majesty chatting with New Zealand soldiers.



**CANADIAN ROOKIES**—These young Canadians take their military training seriously, and present a smart appearance after only a month's training.



**AMERICAN AMBULANCE GIRLS**—Members of an American ambulance unit in London share their breakfast with their mascot, Brix, who was rescued from a bombed house.



**GIFT FROM BURMA**—Air Marshal Sir Christopher Courtney receives gifts of Burmese silver and teak articles for use in the Burma Fighter Squadron's mess from Mr Myat Tun.



**EDEN IN EGYPT**—The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Rt Hon. Mr Anthony Eden, has a joke with British tommyes during a recent visit to the Western Desert.



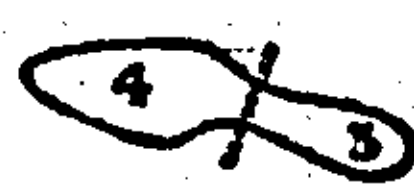
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**WEDDING OF THE WEEK**—Photo taken at the reception given subsequent to the wedding at St John's Cathedral on Monday shows Capt. P. J. T. Skipworth, R.A. and his bride, formerly Miss Beryl Daisy Fair. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



**WELCOMED BACK**—General Wu Te-chen, high Kuomintang official, was welcomed back from his tour of the South Seas at a dinner given during the week by Dr C. T. Wang. General Wu is seen addressing the gathering, with the host on his left. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming Studio).



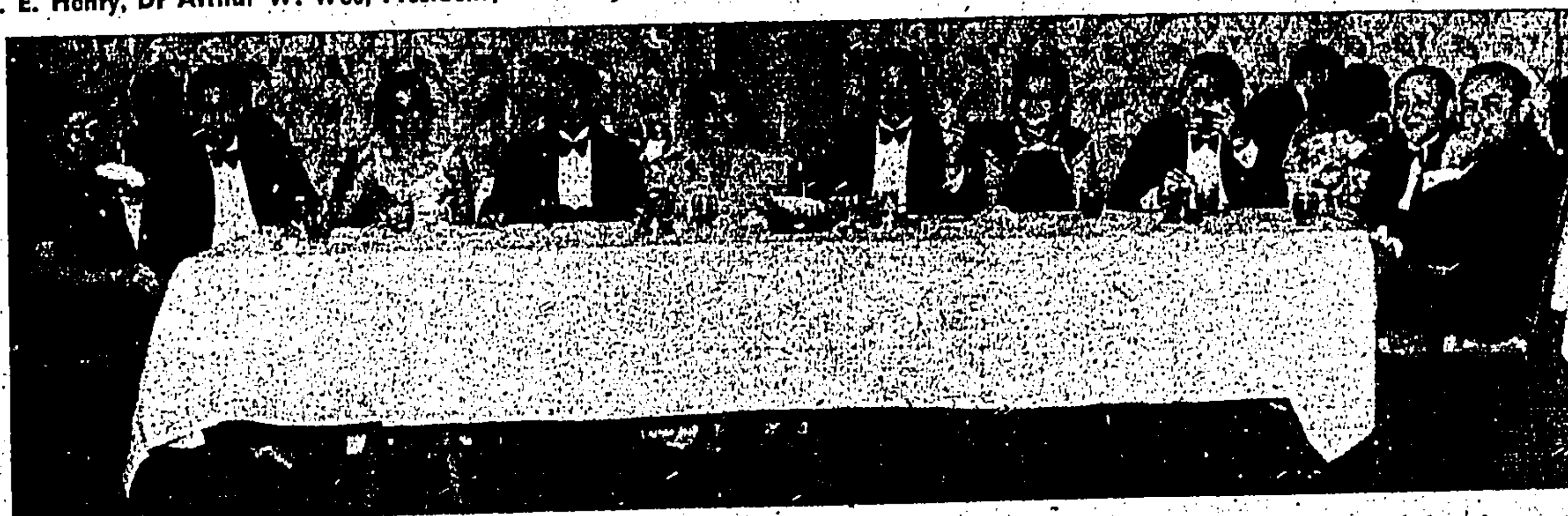
**OVERSEAS CHINESE LEADER**—Mr Fong Bing (fourth from left), chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, arrived by Clipper on Saturday last on his way to Chungking. He is pictured above with General Fong Chen-wu, on his left, and others who welcomed him. (Photo: New China Newsphotos).



**AT THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING**—Among those who attended the races at Happy Valley last Saturday was Mrs. Ernest Hemingway, wife of the famous American novelist, who arrived earlier in the day by the Clipper. She is seen in the picture at the left with the United States Consul-General, Mr. Addison E. Southard. The Misses Mitzel and Lena Glover are shown in the other picture. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



**ROTARY CLUB DINNER**—A large gathering of Rotarians and friends attended the dinner held at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Hongkong Rotary Club. Picture shows the Vice-President, Prof. R. Robertson, speaking. At the official table are seen (from left to right) the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Dr J. E. Henry, Dr Arthur W. Woo, President, H.E. Major-General A. E. Gratton and the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



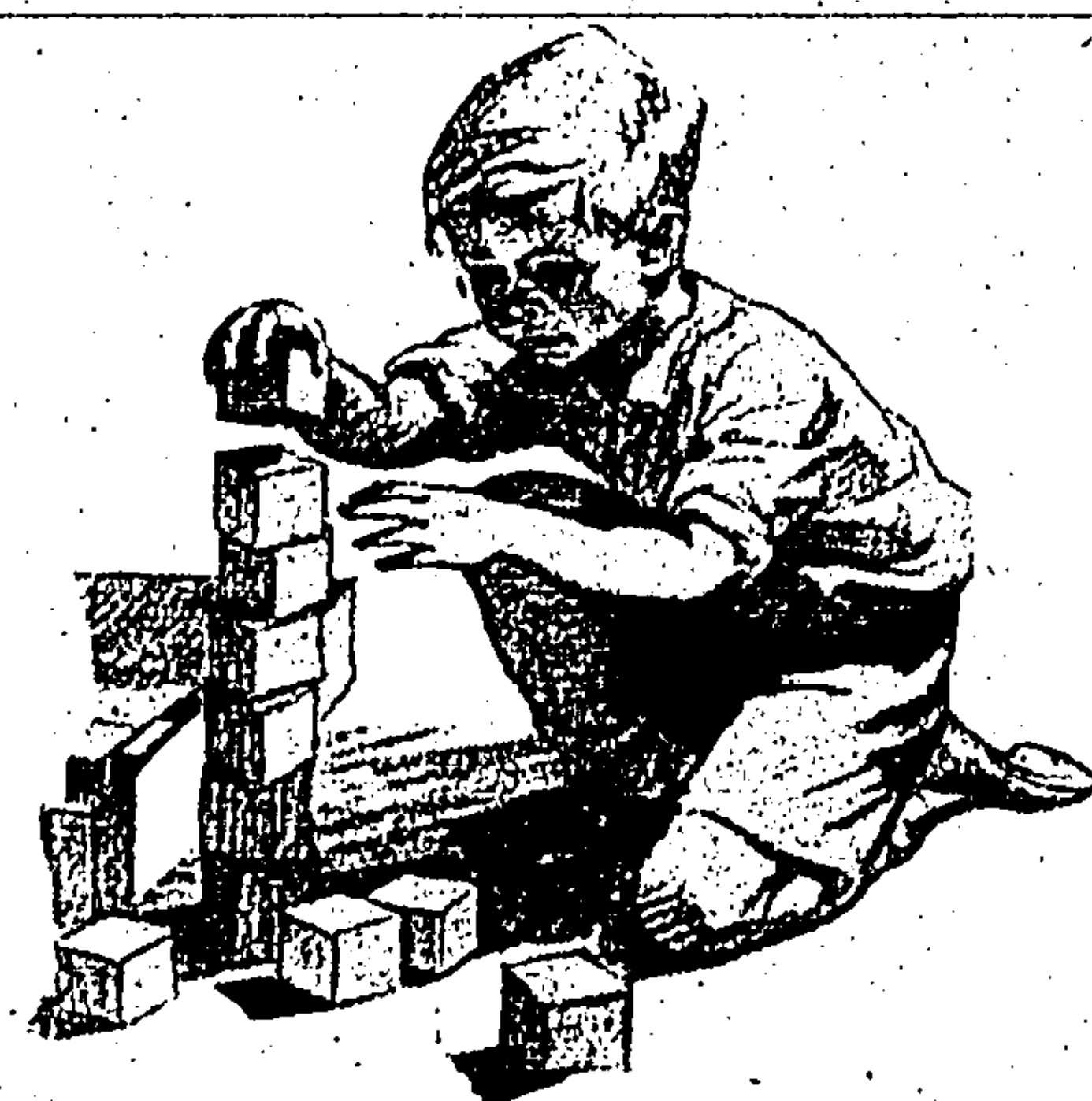
**DIOCESAN SCHOOLS' SUPPER DANCE**—Photo shows some of those who attended the supper dance organised by the past students' bodies of the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' Schools, held at the Peninsula Hotel. From left—Mrs E. C. Fincher, Mr S. A. Gray, Mrs Horace Lo, Mr V. C. Hung, Mrs B. C. Randall, Mr B. C. Randall (President), Mrs Wong Sik-chung, Dr A. W. Dawson-Grove, Mr Wong Sik-chung and Mr E. C. Fincher. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



**KOWLOON DOCK LAUNCHING**—Lady Grayburn, wife of Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, seen with Mr E. Cock, chief manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., immediately after she had launched the new Jardine ship, Hin Sang, last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

## HIGHLY-STRUNG SENSITIVE CHILDREN

have a better chance in life



But there are dangers that have to be watched during childhood

**RIGHT** from birth on, you can see whether a child is the highly-strung, sensitive type or not. It usually means that the child is using up his nervous energy more quickly than he's replacing it. And seems to live more intensely. Every-thing it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of nervous energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, more easily, is quicker in his reactions and makes headway much worse and faster than other children. He's suffering from Night Starvation.

But though these qualities give him a better chance in life, they bring with them dangers that have to be watched. Parents need far greater insight in handling such children. Many highly-strung, sensitive children have grown up to be utter failures—weak, nervous, over-sensitive—because their parents did not fully understand certain health warnings during childhood. At the first sign of any one of these symptoms, start your child on Horlicks, a cupful regularly every night. Horlicks strengthens his nervous system, and builds his appetite by guarding him against Night Starvation. Soon you'll find he'll eat well and look strong and healthy. He'll grow up to make the fullest use of his special gifts and capabilities without the terrible handicap of nervous exhaustion that sometimes accompanies them.

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# Would you favour Union with America?

WE in the United States are now attempting to prepare for any eventuality by arming ourselves as heavily and as rapidly as possible. But huge mechanical defensive systems are no more than temporary illusions unless there is behind them a people with a purpose.

At the moment we have no purpose, except mere maintenance of the status quo. That isn't good enough. We must try to think not in terms of the coming months and years but of the future centuries. We must form a new conception of the new world in which we, our children, and their children will have to live.

It is my conviction that the strongest, sanest, and most durable guarantee for this new world is a union of the United States of America and six independent units of the British Commonwealth: the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Union of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand.

This may appear, to the suspicious, another start on another blue-print for Utopia, another Wilsonian vision. It isn't. It is the practical realisation of the destiny for new world leadership which, whether we admit it or not, or whether we like it or not, is now being thrust upon us.

It is my belief that we Americans are ready to admit this and accept it.

THE English-speaking world is big enough for all conceivable purposes. It is a world bounded on the north-east by the British Isles, on the south-east by the Union of South Africa, on the north-west by Alaska, on the south-west by Australia and New Zealand.

Its centre is in the U.S., and its pose to insult the reader by that would be the centre of its foreign and military policy. It would have no involvements whatever in the continent of Europe. It would constitute a power of unassailable magnitude, dominating all the oceans; and this power would be in the hands of 200,000,000 people who speak the same language and believe in the same three fundamental things—liberty, justice and peace.

Each State would of course, an English girl in which she continue independently to fly its own flag, choose its own rulers, apply its own taxes, enact and enforce its own laws, chew its own gum. It would even be free to dislike all the other States to its heart's content. (This clause is inserted out of respect for the Irish.)

But all uniting States would have in common the same movable constitutional corner-stone: the Bill of Rights.

This is a practical, workable, easily attainable plan for a new balance of power in Europe has world. It is logical, it is inevitable, it is the only development, as an evolutionary development, which is possible.

An idea for your consideration—NOW

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White areas show the territory the Union would cover

edge of destruction. This has been recognised by that far-seeing statesman Winston Churchill.

On August 20 last he concluded a long speech in the House of Commons with two paragraphs of extraordinary significance. Speaking of the negotiations then in progress between Washington, Ottawa and London for the leasing of bases in the Western Hemisphere, he said:—

"Undoubtedly this process means that these two great organisations of the English-speaking democracies, the British Empire and the United States, will have to be somewhat mixed-up together in some of their affairs for mutual and general advantage."

"For my own part, looking out upon the future, I do not view the process with any misgivings. No one can stop it. Like the Mississippi, it just keeps rolling along. Let it roll. Let it roll on in full flood, inexorable, irresistible, to broader lands and better days."

We Americans should consider this remarkable statement with the utmost care. It was the head of the British Government, speaking to the elected representatives of the British people.

THE progress of the cause of freedom may have been slow, but like Ol' Man River, it has been inexorable. It has broadened with the spread of education. It has deepened with experience.

The Nazis, Fascists, and Communists may say that all the prating about liberty in the English-speaking democracies is hypocritical as long as India and the Philippines remain under British and American sovereignty. But how long would such leaders as Gandhi and Quezon be permitted to live if India and the Philippines came under Nazi, Fascist, or Communist rule?

Would any component parts of Hitler's proposed empire have complete autonomy, including even the right to secede, as the British Dominions have now? Certainly not! That autonomy, the Nazis would say, is just another evidence of democratic weakness. In the "Master State" there will be no "rights" of any kind whatsoever.

ONLY in one great world crisis have we Americans failed utterly to convert immediate emergency into historic opportunity. That was in 1919, when our policy hurtled

from the visionary and impractical extreme of Woodrow Wilson's plan for world co-operation to the equally visionary and impractical plan of the isolationists to keep us out of everything.

That one failure was a bitter experience for us. One hope was shot from under us. We found a substitute hope, but that one has been shot away too. Hitler has destroyed our isolationism as decisively as he circumvented the Maginot Line.

To-day, because Britain is engaged in a war to the death, we are in it too. I don't think many Americans are kidding themselves about that. Even though they believed that the sending of fifty of our destroyers was an act of war against Germany, they were for it. Americans know that if Hitler conquers Britain, he has conquered a part of ourselves and is directly threatening the rest of ourselves.

The British may, by a miracle of heroism and endurance, hold out long enough to give us a chance to prepare adequate defences for this one continent. We can then say: "Thanks and good-bye. We're no longer concerned with your fate."

But we shall have large problems to face, even then. If the British sea power is gone, we shall be compelled to build our own Empire, establishing our outposts further and further from our own shores.

Our sense of insecurity will grow as the range of bombing planes increases. We shall have to plant the American flag perilously close to Europe, Africa, Asia. Conscription of our youth and billions annually for defence will be our permanent policy.

SUCH a future for us is unthinkable. Imperialism is simply not our game. We have no relish for it and no natural aptitude for it. Our genius is for union. The successful experiment of the union of thirteen sovereign States—thirteen of which have since become forty-eight—is the great-

est American contribution to human progress.

By a union with the British Commonwealth we cannot hope to reform the world, either with moral preachments or at the point of a gun. We cannot expect to redraw the map of Europe at another Versailles. But we can promote our own future security—for 100 years, 200 years—and how much permanent progress of civilisation may not have been made in that time?

We can, moreover, achieve these immediate gains:—

We can prove that the power of collaborative organisation is not all on the totalitarian side.

We can end Hitler's dream of world domination through world revolution. All of the alliances he may make with the other totalitarian States of Europe and Asia—alliances based on nothing but mutual greed—will be ultimately profitless while control of the seas and of world trade remains with us.

MOST important of all, we can give to the oppressed people of the captive nations the proof that at last there is dynamism in the democratic faith, there is alive on earth a mighty unified force ready to negotiate a just peace—not on the suicidal terms of the appeasement and not on the suicidal terms of the provedly rotten status quo.

And let us not forget that an all-important factor in that status quo was our own policy of escapist isolationism. We have cast that off now; we must also cast out any thought that we can go back to hopeful isolationism whenever the present terror is ended.

And let us not imagine that we can postpone our plans for the future until the future has arrived. It is not alarmism, it is not hysteria, to say that tomorrow may be forever too late. The world may soon achieve co-ordination which is founded not on the Bill of Rights but on "Mein Kampf." There is nothing now that can stop this but the collective force and spirit of the British and American peoples.

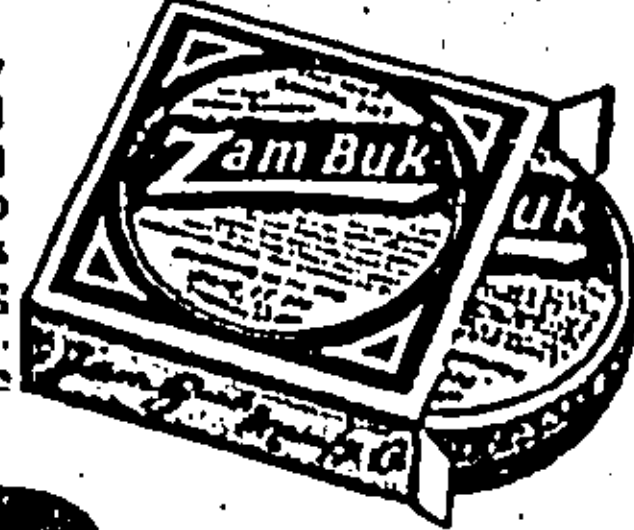
I BELIEVE that the spirit of the British and American peoples is now as never before right for the bold, constructive step toward union. We are in a mood for great, historic accomplishment. We have statesmen on both sides with the necessary intelligence and imagination and courage. We know that the old world has run down, like a clock that has been shaken by too many alarms. We can and must build a new world, to ring out a future which will be fit for decent people to live in, together, at peace.



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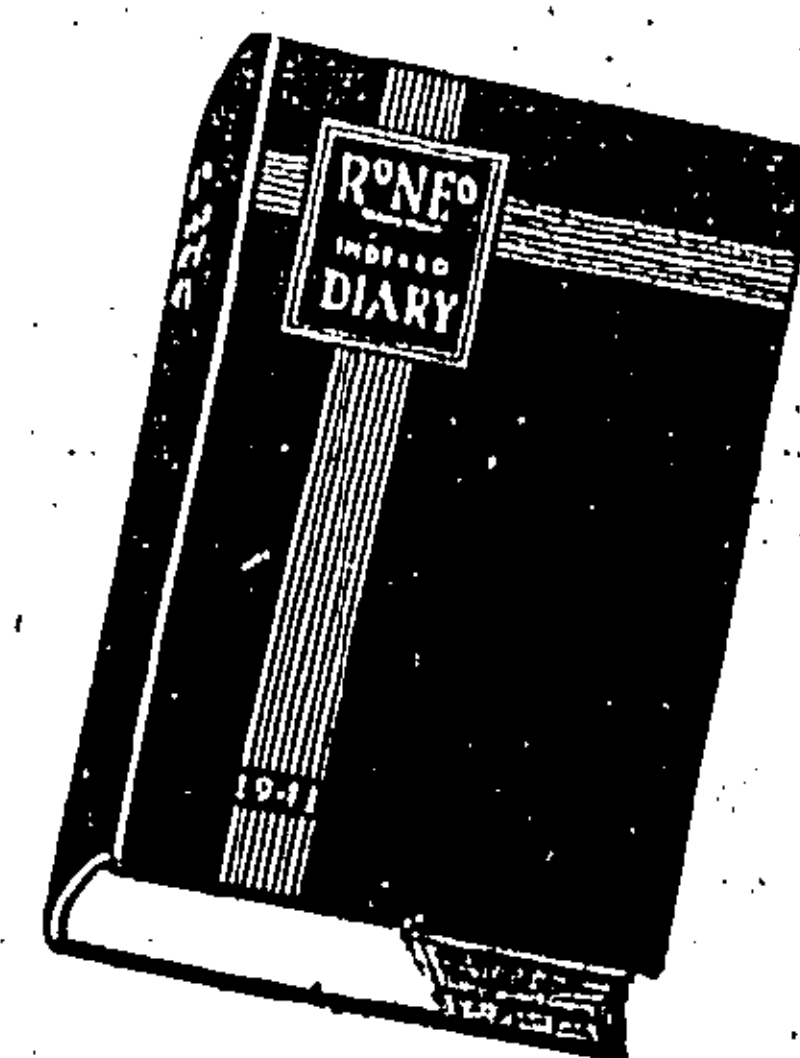
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## Philippines Mayor Wants To Take Oath With Clenched Fist

MANILA, Feb. 28 (UP).— signifies a challenge to the existing form of government. For taking his oath of office in the Soviet style—with clenched fist—Mayor Casto Alejandrino of Arayat, Pampanga, has been charged with disloyalty to the Philippine Government.

The Supreme Court may be asked to issue a ruling on the legality or illegality of such form of oath-taking, the case being unprecedented in Philippine history.

Appearing before Solicitor-General Roman Ozeta as a witness on his own behalf, Alejandrino, one of the several Communist town heads elected in Pampanga in the last elections, flatly refused to take the oath in the customary Philippine form.

The mayor, who wore a flaming red shirt, said he did not want to be "taken for a fascist." The approved Philippine form of oath-taking is to raise the right hand with the palm open.

A Challenge Ozeta refused to permit Alejandrino to take his oath in any form watched other than the officially accepted one, menaced not only to Pampanga but to the rest of the Philippines. He charged that Communist town heads in the Philippines were derived from Soviet Russia, which receiving money from Soviet Russia,

signifies a challenge to the existing form of government. For taking his oath of office in the Soviet style—with clenched fist—Mayor Casto Alejandrino of Arayat, Pampanga, has been charged with disloyalty to the Philippine Government.

The Solicitor-General asked the mayor why he wore a red shirt, which was said to be the same shirt he wore when he took oath of office in Arayat. Alejandrino replied that he was wearing it for a double purpose: "as a gesture of respect to the honourable Solicitor-General and to the people of Arayat, and as a warning to those fellows who go around in their red shirts."

Mayor Jose P. Guido, chief of the Information Division of the Philippine Constabulary, testified at Alejandrino's investigation that the Communist town heads in Pampanga were being trained in the Philippines, which receiving money from Soviet Russia,



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Windows and French doors are useful, too. In the daytime, a bright window can be used as a background for silhouette shots—with shades drawn on the other windows. Or, you can bring up your photo lights, to illuminate the shadow side of the subject, and

then get a bright, cheerful "high key" effect.

At night, interesting pictures can be made by having your subjects at an uncurtained window, with the photo lights at one side, and then shooting the picture "from outside looking in."

The picture above shows the effect. However, a French door was used in this case—the children were simply peering into the dark dining room. But the frame makes a very satisfactory window effect. It's just as if the subjects were peering out on a pitch-dark winter night.

Try some of these effects. They're easy, with any camera—using light speed film and photo bulbs for the night shots. And they add novelty to your collection of home pictures.

John van Guilder

## A Red Spy's Career ... Believe It or Not

**OUT OF THE NIGHT**, by Jan Valtin. Alliance Book Corporation, \$3.50.

Sensational revelations which, if true, shed new light on international power politics are mere common-places in "Out of the Night." This 841-page record of the life of Jan Valtin is America's Book of the Month Club's latest choice, and it reads like a script for Boris Karloff. Mr Valtin avers he was on the payroll of the GPU (Soviet Secret Police), graduated from the Comintern School of Revolution in Moscow and sent trotting all over the world on villainous missions.

After years of revolutionary work along the Hamburg waterfront, he landed in San Francisco in 1926 (with positively no bombs in his pockets) and contacted a Machiavellian Russian who told him—melodramatically, of course—that a small case of bloody murder was required of him. Apparently horror-stricken at the thought of travelling all the way from Shanghai for that, Mr Valtin recoiled and impertinently asked why. But he recovered from his momentary sentimentality and bopped somebody frightfully important on the head in broad daylight with a revolver butt.

"My astonished quarry roared for help," he relates, "and I ran like a man in a trance, vaguely aware that I had not even made the least preparation for a successful getaway." Rather than have blood guilt on his conscience, says the Book of the Month Club News, he chose "a term

In San Quentin." Really now, how commendable! My impression was that he just muffed the whole business.

The Reichstag fire trial—in which Georgi Dimitrov, now the Comintern's chief, conducted his own defence and defied his Nazi accusers in open court—was, according to Mr Valtin, a "carefully and cunningly organised play." Dimitrov, he says, knew all along that he was safe. "Months before the trial began, secret negotiations were under way between Dimitrov and his two Bulgarian aides for three German officers who had been caught by the GPU as spies on Soviet soil. Dimitrov had to be saved from being broken down by Gestapo torture, not for his own sake, but for the sake of the Soviet Secret Police and the Comintern, whose inside workings he knew too well."

That's a wonderful story and it may be true. But if Dimitrov was to be freed, why did Marshal Goering take the stand and let himself be insulted and called a liar until he nearly detonated with rage? Why did the Nazis let the trial continue, thereby making themselves the world's laughing stock? And if Dimitrov "knew too well" the machinations of the USSR, why didn't the Nazis sacrifice the three German spies in Russia?

I am not challenging Mr Valtin's sources, but questions like these pop up in an almost wholly undocumented book. Moreover, the author, as his story shows, was an unscrupulous crook and liar for the sake of interest. At what point did he become an honest man? And who am I to say he did?

By the time you've gone through 30 pages, though, you won't give a hoot whether it's documented or not, because, even if you can detect Isaac Don Levine's clumsy, pulpy hand, "Out of the Night" is still the most exciting narrative that has come off the press in months—especially the chapters on life in a Nazi concentration camp. It's action-packed, nerve-rattling, scaring and stark and things like that.

## BOOKS

**WHAT GERMANY FORGOT.** By James T. Shotwell. Macmillan Company. 6s.

It is the opinion of psychologists that people forget what they do not want to remember. Such a selective memory may operate in the collective as well as the individual mind; and perhaps also in the collective mind the driving beneath the surface of unpalatable truths may cause unsuspected reactions in the form of strange psychic aberrations. What Germany has forgotten, what Germans wanted to forget, is the fact that their post-war difficulties were the result far more of their own war economics than of the financial burdens thrust upon them by their conquerors.

This is the thesis of Dr Shotwell's most illuminating study, which examines the way in which the Germans organised the economies for their war effort in 1914-18, the character of the Peace of Versailles and the economic repercussions of the war in the post-war world.

The victorious Powers blamed their financial troubles on the war itself; the Germans alone were able to make the peace their scapegoat, and in this they were assisted by much liberal sentiment in other parts of the world. The result in Germany was a failure to see that militarism is ruinous and a belief that only defeat makes war unprofitable. Dr Shotwell examines the famous Hindenburg Programme in order to show that it was, despite German illusions, fraught with disaster; the illusions were never shattered, for reparations were held responsible for post-war distress. Hence the Nazis are still able to find credence for the myth of the profitable war.

Dr Shotwell's volume places mankind under yet another obligation to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. It brings within small compass a tremendous subject, lucidly expounded, and yet at the same time the author has space for many reflections on the problems of war and peace, the fruit of ripe scholarship and knowledge of affairs.

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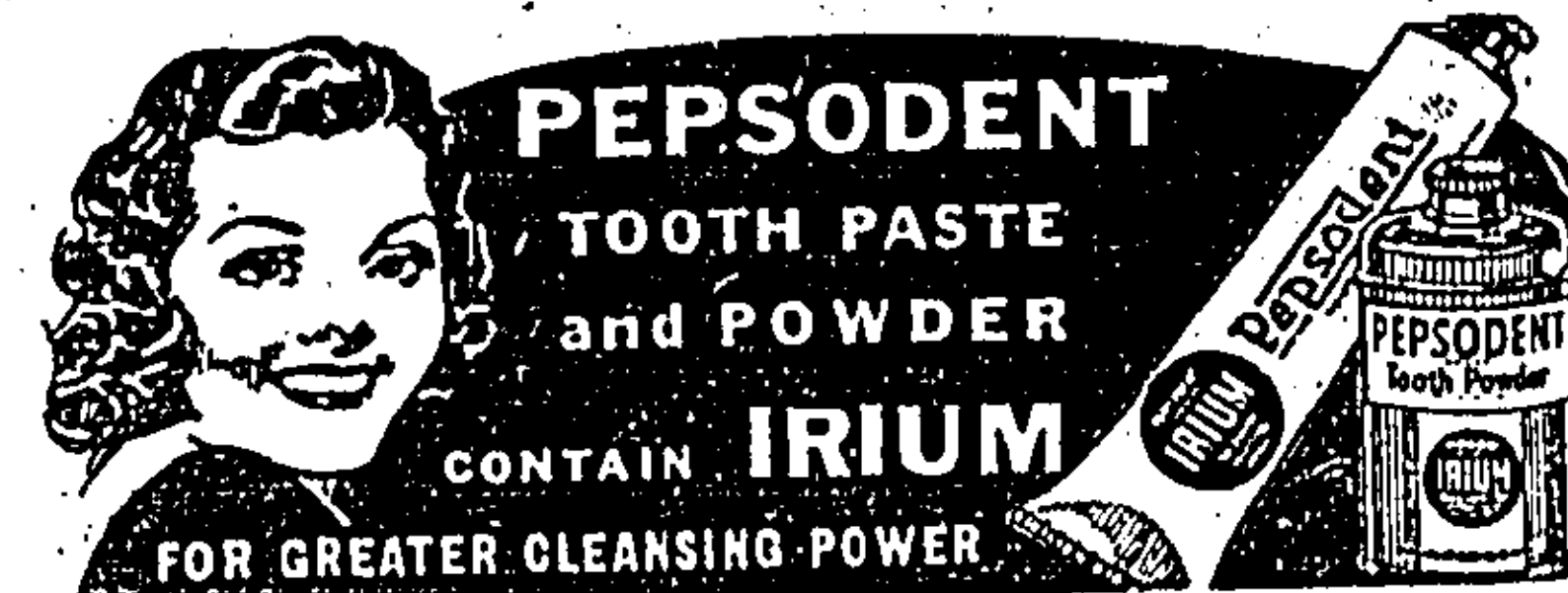


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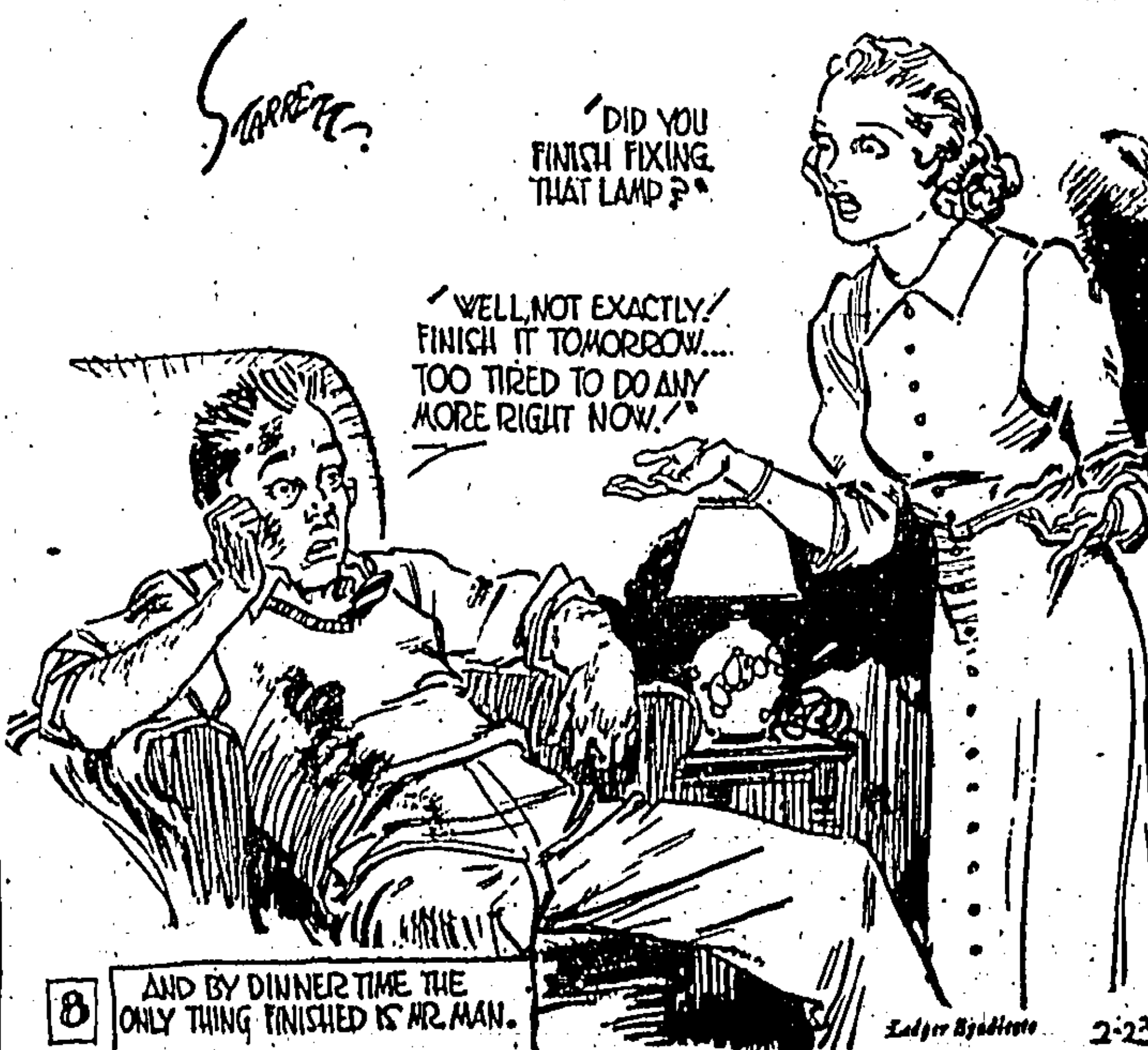
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# "DOWN ARGENTINE WAY"



## THE NEW REEL

Anna Neagle received a singular honour on January 10 when she was made a Colonel Commandant of the Canadian Legion branch of the British Empire Services League. The League numbers three million members in Canada, California, New York and Michigan.

The ceremony took place at Hollywood Post No. 28 of the Canadian Legion, with the Scottish pipe band doing the musical honours. The drill team of the organization, wearing their colourful red "Mountie" uniforms, was in attendance and gave a display.

In the past ten years, only two other women have received the same distinction. They are Mary Pickford and Denma Durbin, both born in Canada. Donald Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Company, is the only man in ten years to be awarded the honorary title of Colonel Commandant. Anna Neagle is now completing the film version of "No, No, Nanette."

Jean Hersholt, who stars as Dr. Christian in "Remedy for Riches," recently celebrated his 28th wedding anniversary, almost a record for Hollywood marriages.

Armilla, the world's foremost bullfighter, is to turn movie actor for the first time. Twentieth Century-

Fox has signed him to a contract for "Blood and Sand", which will star Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell.

The highest paid entertainer in the Latin countries, earning \$3,000 every time he enters the arena, Armilla has turned down many movie offers in the past.

Robert Taylor, Ian Hunter, Gene Lockhart and a troupe of 22 actors and crew headed by Director Frank Borzage recently left Hollywood for Flagstaff, Arizona, to start location work on Hollywood "Billy and Kid." Western to be filmed in Technicolor. This group will be shortly augmented by Brian Donlevy who is completing a leading role at another studio.

Ingrid Bergman has been assigned to play the role of Ivy Pearson in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," which will be Spencer Tracy's next starring vehicle. Victor Fleming will direct with Victor Saville as producer. Miss Bergman is now working in "Rage in Heaven," opposite Robert Montgomery, and Spencer Tracy is completing work in "Men of Boys Town," in which Mickey Rooney is co-starred.

Eleanor Powell is so glad to be back in Hollywood that she is working two hours a day in her dance studio on the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer lot, creating new tap dance routines. While she was in New York, the star saw all of the musical shows and spent much of her time backstage with old friends.

Full of enthusiasm, Miss Powell is developing "Broadway Melody of 1941."

It has taken five years for Clark Gable to see one of his most successful pictures. The picture was "Mutiny on the Bounty," which he saw recently for the first time. The famous adventure story was made in 1935 and, at the time of its preview, Gable had left on a hunting trip. As the actor never looks at "rushes," he missed the feature entirely until recently, when, accompanied by his wife, Carole Lombard, he saw it at the first time. Twentieth Century-

Fashions in film entertainment vary from year to year, and now it appears that big, lavish musical revues are again coming back into favour. Twentieth Century-Fox, a studio that has often taken the lead in setting these trends, has scored again with "Down Argentine Way," the success of which has already sent other producers revue-minded.

The film, which commenced its local run at the King's Theatre yesterday, may, without exaggeration, be said to be the best musical show that has come our way since the revival of this type of entertainment.

Mounted in gorgeous technicolour, with spectacular settings and dazzling costuming, it presents a unique array of revue talent. Seldom are so many really good top-notch headline stars assembled in any one picture. The result justifies all claims advanced for it.

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The story is slight—but this particular aspect is never important in musical productions. The tale that links the action and incidents in "Down Argentine Way," concerns the difficulties that beset the efforts of Don Ameche, son of a South American horse breeder, to sell a string of blue riband animals to a New York family. The obstacle takes the form of a family feud. Betty Grable, as the rich New York girl whose hobby is collecting prize-winners of the turf, follows Ameche back to the Argentine in her eagerness to secure the horses. Romance develops.

Against this threadbare plot is woven a veritable pageant of song, dances, comedy and spectacle, presented with expert showmanship and enthusiastic collaboration from the cast.

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Betty Grable, who after a long period of trite parts in films migrated to Broadway and made a brand new reputation with "Dubarry Was a Lady," confirms by her work in this film the opinion of those who have always had faith in her talent. Her singing is good, but her dancing is still better, and her presentation of the rumba is indeed outstanding.

Don Ameche gives his usually polished portrayal, and puts over his songs with great credit. Charlotte Greenwood, long-legged comedienne, clicks with her song, "Sing to Your Senorita," and with her comedy antics. Leonid Kinskey, as a Latin gigolo, shares the comedy honours.

"Down Argentine Way" reveals a brand new screen personality in Carmen Miranda, who swings and sways through four torrid numbers. Her presentation is excellent, and it will be surprising indeed if she does not make more frequent appearances in films.

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With this picture are released two Movietone newsreels which have just arrived by Clipper. They show the arrival of Lord Halifax in America, Mr. Wendell Willkie in England, the capture of Bardia and other important recent events.

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When he goes back to clean up the old home town he gets into considerable trouble and some situations that are generally known as piquant. This is the kind of comedy that made William Powell famous, and cinema-goers of every taste will find it enjoyable.

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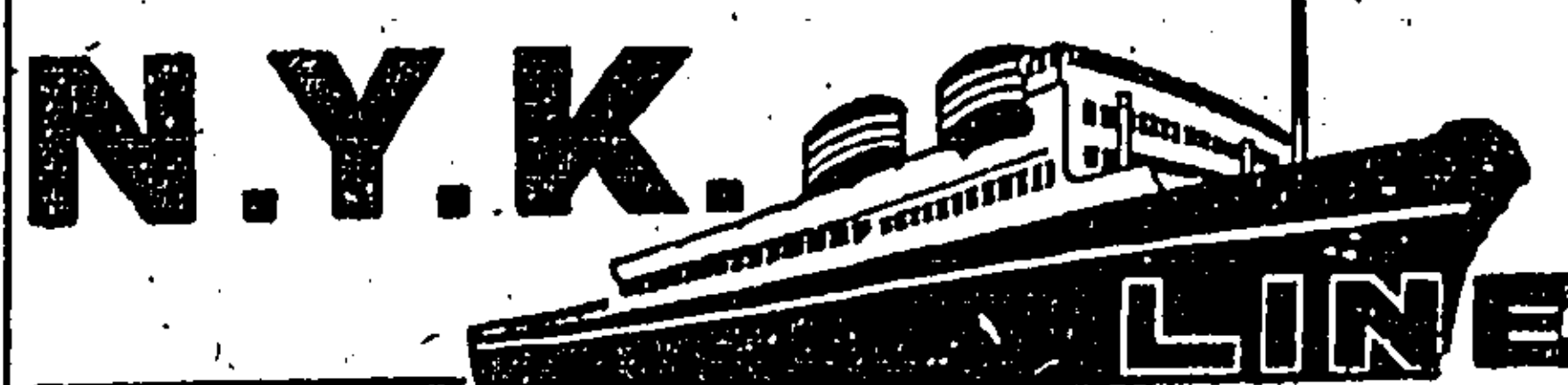
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- What is an auxanometer?
- What is Moya besides being a girl's name?
- Who is the President of the Chinese Republic?
- Ponte Vecchio is (a) a famous bridge in Florence (b) a palace in Rome (c) an aerodrome in Milan.
- In which of Shakespeare's plays would you find these characters—(a) Eglamour (b) Leontes (c) Petruchio (d) Sir Andrew Aguecheek?
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Answers on Page 14.

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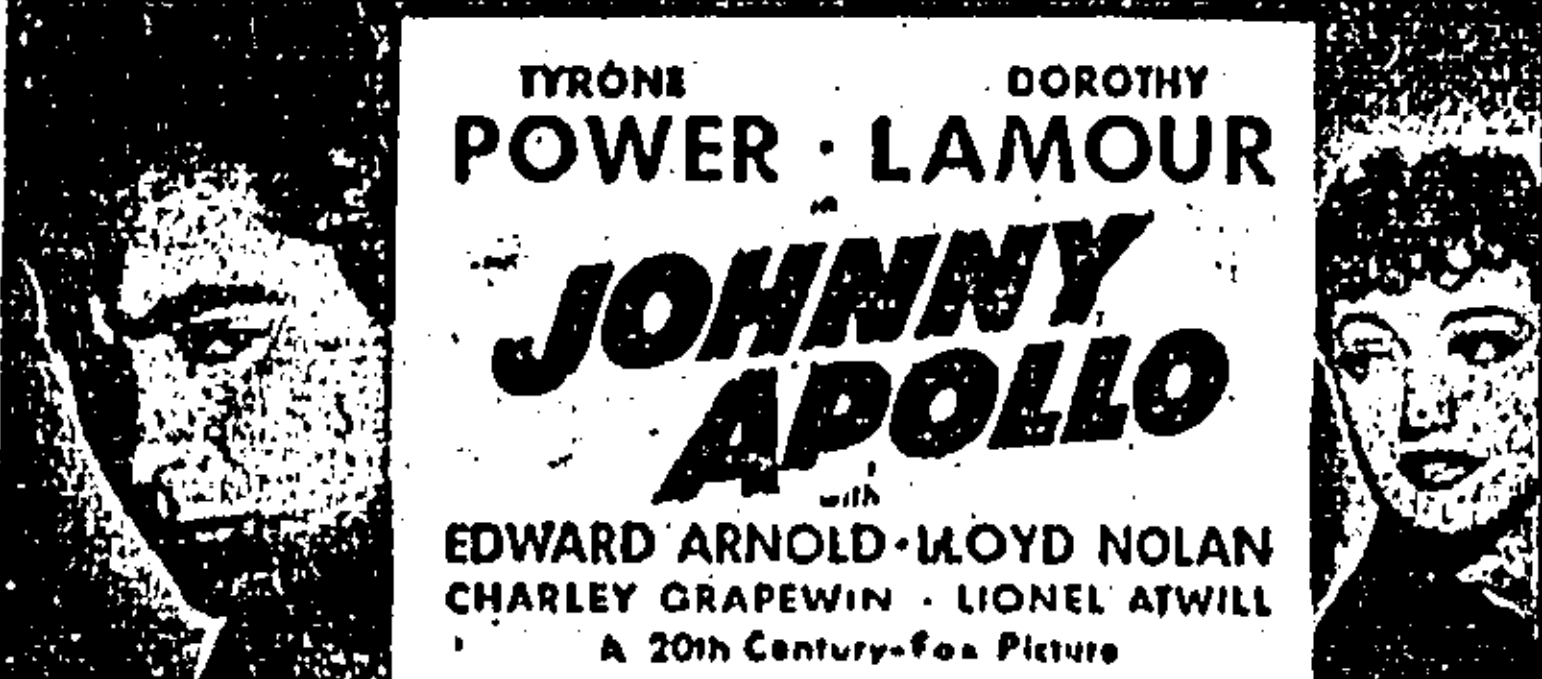
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### TELEGRAPH SATURDAY FEATURE

## YOUR HEALTH

BY CLAUD NORTH CHRISMAN, M.D.

### DON'T FRET OVER INSOMNIA JUST LIE DOWN AND RELAX

INSOMNIA or sleeplessness is a genuine nightmare to thousands of healthy individuals. People may dance and play all night and suffer no ill effects, but if they retire and cannot go to sleep at once they worry and fret and are quite sure that something serious is the matter with them. If this happens two or three nights in succession, they are quite sure they will lose their minds or die from exhaustion.

Dr. Louis J. Karnosh, of Cleveland, after extensive study on the subject, concludes that "insomnia which is not due to organic disease or pain does not sap a person's vitality, does not lead to insanity, does not affect the health of an individual, does not cause anemia, or loss of weight and it is doubtful whether insomnia itself is ever a cause of death."

#### Causes of Sleeplessness

There are many grades of sleeplessness. All of us suffer from it at times. Trouble and worry, overwork, over-excitation, an evening spent at bridge, or reading a thrilling mystery story, may result in inability to sleep. Perhaps we have left ourselves only a few hours till time to get up. Then the mind keeps racing on and sleep does not come. Then we worry because we cannot go to sleep and soon convince ourselves we will be all worn out in the morning. We decide that we will sleep, turn over or cover the head, determined to sleep, only to find the mind racing off in some other direction and to soon realize that we are wider awake than ever.

No one can will himself to sleep. One can only allow sleep to come of itself. Dr. Karnosh states that "nearly one half of those with chronic insomnia (true inability to sleep) are psychoneurotic." This type of person not only wants to sleep—he wants oblivion. He entertains the naive hope that after a good night's sleep he may awake from tension.

and depression, hoping that sleep will wash away the problems which he is unable to face and solve. He will present his case to his physician in the hope of convincing him that his problem is a physical one that merits medical treatment.

This type of patient should never be given sleeping powders or tablets. It will only result in an increase in the dose and frequency, and finally work into a habit which is infinitely worse than the sleeplessness and which later will still persist.

#### Let Thoughts Ramble

A student of the subject says: "The patient complaining of sleeplessness should be told about the phenomenon of free association, during which the mind simply wanders and thoughts are without cohesion and regulation. Let this free association continue, with no effort to correlate the thoughts, between the time of retiring and actually going to sleep. This mental rambling is a half sleep where the higher mental functions which regulate logical thinking are at rest."

Counting sheep, reading in bed and other mental gymnastics that require thinking are merely tricks to cover up unpleasant thoughts and actually lead away from instead of toward sleep.

Let the person with insomnia lie down and relax, if possible, and let his thoughts wander where they will. Avoid any attempt to think or concentrate on any subject and either sleep will come or at least a state of half sleeping and half waking which is often just as restful as sleep.

Often a tub of water, neither hot nor cold, in which one can lie for 15 or 20 minutes will relax one and allow at least partial unconsciousness. Hot baths and massage are not usually advisable, except a gentle rubbing of the hands or arms. Just enough motion to make one realize that something is being done will often release tension and quiet mental activity. A glass of hot milk is often helpful. Shallow, fitful sleep is natural with some temperaments and requires no treatment. Concentration on any subject defeats its object.

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The Raffle has already gained much popularity and many applications for tickets have been received from the outposts.

### ANSWERS

1. Napoleon. November 21, 1806. 2. Pogradetz. 3. Costa Rica. 4. Ernest Hemingway. 5. Scientific instrument used to measure the growth of a living plant. 6. Mud ejected from volcanoes. 7. Lin Sen. 8. Bridge in Florence. 9. (a) Two Gentlemen of Verona (b) The Winter's Tale (c) The Taming of the Shrew (d) Twelfth Night. 10. Capital of Bulgaria.

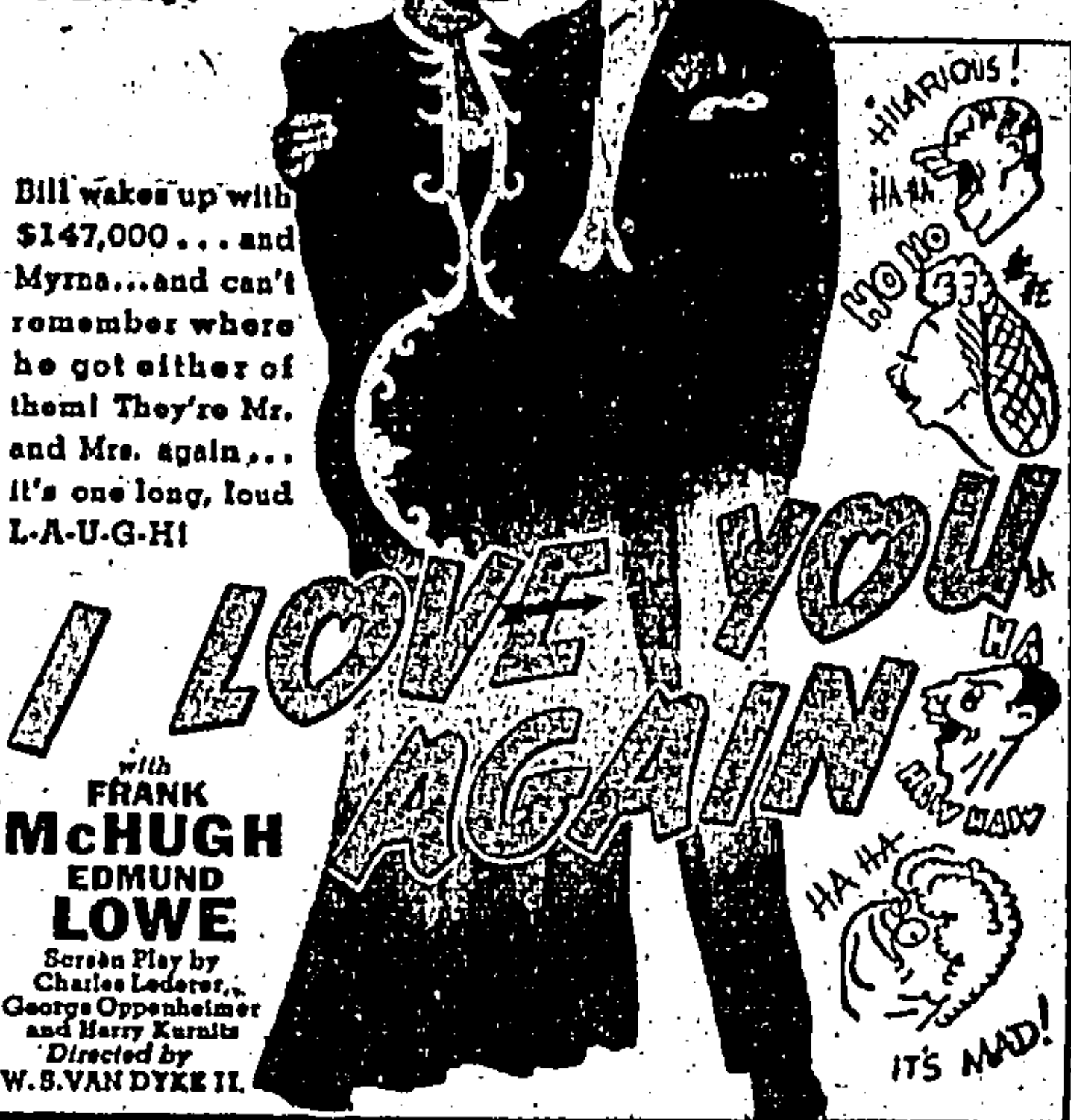
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## BULGARIA DUE TO SIGN TRIPARTITE PACT: BALKANS EXCITEMENT

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BUDAPEST, FEB. 28 (UP).—ALL RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN ROME, VIENNA AND BERLIN REPORT THAT BULGARIA IS TO BECOME A SIGNATORY TO THE AXIS TRIPARTITE PACT.

IT IS DECLARED THAT BULGARIA WILL "SIGN UP" IN VIENNA ON SATURDAY IN THE PRESENCE OF RIBBENTROP, THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, MR OHSIMA, AND THE ITALIAN MINISTER TO BERLIN.

### Rendel's Departure Expected

LONDON, FEB. 28 (UP).—AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES STATED TO-DAY, "WHILE NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE DEPARTURE OF MR WILLIAM RENDEL, THE BRITISH MINISTER, IT CANNOT LONG BE DELAYED."

CRIPPS STIRS THE BALKANS

BASLE, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The journey to Ankara of the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Stafford Cripps, has caused a great sensation in the Balkans, according to the Budapest correspondent of the Swiss paper, "Basler Nachrichten."

It is generally believed that the reason is the necessity of informing Mr Anthony Eden directly concerning Russia's waiting policies.

## Germans Preparing For An Invasion?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Feb. 28 (Dome).—Unconfirmed but credible reports reaching here state that Germany is removing the French population from the Channel coast. Some French observers interpret the reports as an indication that Germany is making final preparations for an attempt to invade the British Isles.

This move, it is pointed out, coincided with the opening of a new German U-boat offensive. Neutral observers, however, minimise the importance of such a move, saying that it might be a routine military precaution to prevent leakage of information. One source said that the coastal strip was being cleared to a depth of 22 miles.

## Soviet Ships Leaves With Cargo Of Tea

After loading between 40,000 and 50,000 chests of tea at Hongkong for Vladivostok, the Soviet freighter, Turukh, 6,000 tons deadweight is expected to sail to-day.

The Turukh, which has been under repair at Taitoo Dock for some considerable time, is only carrying general cargo with Government permit out of Hongkong, the agents Wallem and Co. said on Saturday.

The correspondent adds that M. Molotov is expected to deliver his postponed speech shortly, possibly after Sir Stafford's return to Moscow.

Turkish Comment

ISTANBUL, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The entire Turkish morning press has leading articles on the visit of Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, stressing Anglo-Turkish friendship and Turkey's determination to be faithful to her undertakings.

The "Tasvir-i Eski" says that common interests are at stake, adds: "Mr Eden directed Britain's foreign policy during Italy's aggression in Abyssinia and events have proved his clear sightedness."

The "Son Posta," an independent daily, says that while the Anglo-Turkish alliance is purely pacific, Turkey will never tolerate any aggression in the security zone or any plot against her life.

The "Yeni Sabah" writes: "The Great Ataturk, with genial foresight, re-established Anglo-Turkish friendship, the principle of which acquired its happiest form by the signature at Ankara of the Mutual Assistance Pact of 1939 and culminated in the alliance which became the common TURN to Page 4, Column Seven

## Amsterdam Riots

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
THE HAGUE, Feb. 28 (UP).—The semi-official A.N.P. (Algemeen Nederlands Persbureau) news agency reports that nine were killed and 24 seriously wounded and 21 slightly injured in the Amsterdam riots on Monday and Wednesday.

A number of women were also wounded. Amsterdam to-day is quiet everywhere and all strikers have resumed work.

## Shipping Service Story Denied

A "Dome" report emanating from Shanghai, that the Blue Funnel Eastern service was being discontinued, was officially denied by the Hongkong agents of the Blue Funnel Line this morning.

## Captain Batty-Smith Injured in Blackout

At the request of his medical advisers His Excellency the Acting Governor has cancelled all engagements until Wednesday, March 5 inclusive. An announcement regarding his engagements during the rest of the week ending on March 8 will be issued in due course.

On the evening of February 26, Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, whilst on duty in the grounds of Government House, fell and sustained injuries which will necessitate his being in hospital for several days. During his absence the duties of Aide-de-Camp will be performed by Mr B. C. Fay of the Hong Kong Police.

## BIG HAPPENINGS IN SOFIA

Communications Cut Off

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—According to press reports ostentatious German troop movements are taking place in Rumania in a southerly direction.

It is also reported that a police cordon has been thrown around Sofia, which prevents anyone from leaving the city.

It is declared that the military authorities advised the action.

Reports say that Sofia is virtually cut off, all telegraphic communications, both international and internal being suspended between 6 p.m. on Thursday and 6.50 p.m. to-day, when a single line was opened.

A Budapest message reveals that according to the official Bulgarian news agency, the civilian anti-aircraft units in Sofia were called out at 8.30 to-night for drilling.

Premier's Audience

A Cabinet meeting was held at 5 o'clock to-day after which Dr Bozidar Filloft, the Bulgarian Premier, conferred with King Boris for half an hour.

Diplomatic quarters regard Filloft's audience with the King as very important, although as yet no communication has been issued.

Political observers regard Mr William Rendel's statement as a British ultimatum to Bulgaria which, they believe will have repercussions.

The "Exchange Telegraphs" correspondent in Belgrade reports that after his audience with King Boris, it is understood that Dr Filloft will fly to Berlin on Saturday to sign the tripartite pact.

## N.E.I. ARMY EXPANSION

New Precautions Revealed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (Dome).—Lieut-General G. J. Berenschot, Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch East Indies Army, disclosed that a hitherto unknown military expansion programme was being carried out in East Indies, the "Associated Press" reported from Bandoeng.

According to the report, Lieut-General Berenschot said that the rate of increase in land forces was mainly a question of obtaining equipment for Army units. He did not disclose exact figures except to say that the Army is many times its former size.

The East Indies Commander-in-Chief said that the new defence system provided for the stationing of infantry in outer islands to protect auxiliary naval bases there, enlarging the defensibility of larger islands from Borneo to New Guinea.

"We have never intended to surrender any islands however distant," the Dutch Commander declared, adding that actual defences were formerly impossible with the forces available.

He asserted, however, that the new system provided adequate protection for outer territories. The greater land strength there in turn would raise the efficiency of aeroplane and submarine forces which otherwise might be forced to withdraw, the Commander added.

## ANGLO-TURKISH CONVERSATIONS Complete Accord

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Ankara Radio to-day announced a communique which said that the Anglo-Turkish talks had found "complete accord in the policy of the two governments on all subjects."

"The two governments had once more established deep attachment to the Turkish-British alliance. The present international situation was reviewed from every angle. Particular attention was paid to the Balkan problems which are closely connected with the common interest of Turkey and Britain."

According to a Budapest report received from Ankara, Mr Anthony Eden has left Ankara by plane for Athens to offer an alliance to Greece and binding her not to make a separate peace.

## Japanese Evacuate Singapore

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, March 1, (UP).—The steamer Hakone Maru arrived here to-day carrying 127 Japanese evacuees from Singapore headed by Mr T. Hashizume, Japanese vice-consul at Singapore, who refused to comment on the decision of the Japanese to leave other than stating it was "only a routine trip homeward."

The Manila "Bulletin" quoted a Japanese officer on the vessel as stating that the climate seemed to be "getting hot in Singapore."

## Seven Missing In Air Crash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PANAMA, Feb. 28 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Army that seven men are missing as a result of a bomber crashing last night while doing routine flying.

The crash was reported by observers at Taboga Island. The bomber fell and burst into flames when it struck the sea. Bombs have located and buoyed out the wreckage.

## The Great Fire of London, 1940

When German raiders last December wantonly dropped incendiary bombs on the heart of London where not a single military objective exists, they caused a blaze which was the biggest since the great fire of London in 1666. Offices, churches and famous buildings were destroyed, while St Paul's Cathedral had a narrow escape from a like fate. This remarkable picture taken at the height of the fire, shows St. Paul's illuminated by the flames which surrounded the famed cathedral.



## To-day's Races At The Happy Valley: Complete Results

The weather to-day was again anything but ideal for racing when the final day's programme in the annual meeting was carried out.

However, despite the raw atmosphere and the threat of rain (which happily did not materialise) a large crowd turned up at the Valley racecourse and enjoyed an afternoon a fire sport.

Dividends were average, but the cash sweep prizes increased throughout the afternoon, with many first prizes amounting to more than \$3,000.

Li Po-chun's A Luxurious Time upset calculations in the opening event, winning by three lengths from Lan's Prairie View. In consequence the pony paid his backers \$64.30 for a win.

The track was decidedly on the heavy side and times were not very good as a result.

### Exciting Race

Onlookers were given a big thrill in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, which Sam's Choice unexpectedly won from Charlesber, a firm favourite, by a short head. At The Rock, Iron Beauty, which finished third, was in the lead, with Charlesber second, but the favourite crept up and on the turn into the home stretch was ahead with Sam's Choice second. Then began a magnificent race for the post down the home stretch. Charlesber maintained his slight lead up to the last 50 yards, and then Donald Black urged his pony ahead and Sam's Choice flashed past the post half a head in front of Charlesber.

### Daily Double

Hillsboro Bay and Eve of Dancing were the winning ponies in the Daily Double. They had 136 backers each of whom received \$87.10. The total pool was \$9,124.

Complete results follow:

1.—GAULFIELD STAKES. For Australian Ponies, Grifins of this Meeting. One mile. 140 lb. (D. Black) 1. 418 HILLBRO BAY (H. J. A. Hearne) 2. 319 PO-CHUN'S A Luxurious Time (H. J. A. Hearne) 3. 325 LAN'S Prairie View (H. J. A. Hearne) 4. 323 WAY'S National Courage (H. J. A. Hearne) 5. 331 C.H.'S Black Seal (H. J. A. Hearne) 6. 235 L.W.'S Corsair (H. J. A. Hearne) 7. 244 HILLBRO BAY (H. J. A. Hearne) 8. 337 IRON'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 9. 333 MARDER'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 10. 337 IRON'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 11. 333 MARDER'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 12. 337 IRON'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 13. 333 MARDER'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 14. 337 IRON'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 15. 333 MARDER'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 16. 337 IRON'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 17. 333 MARDER'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 18. 337 IRON'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 19. 333 MARDER'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. Hearne) 20. 337 IRON'S Iron Beauty (H. J. A. 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# VICHY EXPECTED TO ACCEPT

Will Reply to Peace Terms  
Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Council of Ministers here has found the new Japanese proposal basically acceptable, but the terms have not been revealed.

After a two and a half session, the Council of Ministers announced that it had "drafted the Government's position concerning the negotiations with Tokyo for solution of the Franco-Thai conflict. Admiral Darlan exposed the Government's general policies."

Later it was announced that the Government had decided "in the interests of peace" to reply to Mr Matsuoaka's second Mekong peace proposals.

The Council of Ministers found the new proposal inspired by proper conceptions on both sides. It is understood that Mr Matsuoaka slightly trimmed the territorial transfers to Thailand, who still gets everything west of the Mekong River in Laos, in addition to an important position in north-west Cambodia.

The French reply is expected to start for Tokyo to-night to enable the French to continue their appointment with the likelihood of a final agreement before the expiration of the armistice.

The Council's decision means that France is weighing the military possibilities and has decided not to fight to maintain her maximum concession on the armistice frontier.

**Japanese Evacuation**  
SAIGON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Japanese officials arrived here to-day by air from Hanoi in order to assist in the planned evacuation of Japanese.

The Japanese reported that a ship is arriving to-morrow for the evacuation. Japanese officials said they will evacuate Japanese nationals from all Indo-China; however, authoritative sources reported that many Japanese will go to Hanoi in view of the fact that Tonkin is considered to be safe owing to the presence of a Japanese garrison there.

**Hull Uninformed**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—At the press conference to-day Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Treasury said he had not received any reports regarding the mobilization of Japanese warships off the Indo-China coast.

**Simply Advised**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The report from Tokyo that all British subjects have strict orders to leave Saigon is not entirely correct, says "Reuters" diplomatic correspondent. "Reuters" said that many Japanese had no very pressing reasons for remaining in the country, were advised to leave.

**Thai Premier**  
BANGKOK, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Thai Premier, Phibul Songkram, has reiterated Thailand's desire for equal friendship with all friendly Powers, says the Thailand radio. Ex-King Prajittipok of Siam, was reported to have said in an interview that "under an absolute monarchy, the people of Thailand knew that Thailand was included in Japan's expansion scheme. At that time, Thailand's policy was one of maintaining very intimate friendship with Britain."

"It is to be hoped that the present government will not change this policy."

The radio commentator to-day stated that the Thai Prime Minister doubted the accuracy of the statement and pointed out that it was inconsistent with the Thai National Assembly's declared policy of maintaining equal friendship with all friendly powers.

**French Precautions**  
SHANGHAI, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The French are reported to be rushing military precautions in southern Indo-China following increased tension.

General Mordant, the French C-in-C has gone to Saigon by air from Hanoi.

**Axis Affected**  
TOKYO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The success or failure of the mediation conference in which Japan has handed proposals to France and Thailand for a settlement of the border dispute.

LONDON, Feb. 28, (Reuter).—A special commentary article by the "Observer's" air correspondent, Major Oliver Stewart, on February 23, states facts not officially confirmed but considered by informed quarters in London more reliable than many recent estimates of the German strength.

The actual German first line air strength is probably under 5,000, certainly not greater than 5-6,000.

The proportions are: first line long-range bombers 1,500 to 1,600 fighters 1,500, of which one-third are single engine, one-third twin-engine fighters; 750 reconnaissance aircraft, 450 of which are fitted to carry bombs.

This very powerful striking force is forming a large proportion of the entire air fleet. Aircraft equipped for bombing are about 2,000 including machines comparable to our coastal command, and 300 or 400 of the first line Army co-operation machines are available for short range tactical bombing.

The German Army co-operation machine is the Henschel 128 Parasol monoplane resembling our Westland Lysander Army co-operation machine. Their top speed is only 220

# Italian Attacks Smashed By Greeks

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Greeks have smashed a counter-attack in the central sector of the Albanian battlefield, said the Athens radio to-night.

Many Italian dead and wounded were left on the field and in the same sector, two Italian tanks were severely damaged and were forced to turn tail.

At several points, said the announcer, Greek patrols scored successes while a continuous bombardment of Italian positions was doing heavy damage.

**Bad Weather**  
The lull in big-scale offensive operations—owing to the persistent bad weather—is being used by the Italians for improvement of their defences.

An attempted enemy air raid was foiled by anti-aircraft batteries which brought down two bombers and hit two others.

The Greek air force carried out several successful raids, causing considerable damage to Italian positions and concentrations.

**R.A.F. Win Air Fight**  
ATHENS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers with Hurricane fighter escorts raided Viotia aerodrome yesterday and dropped very large numbers of bombs which exploded all over the aerodrome and hangars, says a communiqué to-day by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

Administrative buildings were repeatedly hit.

Seven enemy CR42 fighters were shot down in the ensuing combat and two others collided in mid-air and were destroyed.

The British aircraft all returned safely.

Hurricanes yesterday, in their second action since their arrival in Greece, brought their number of victims to 13 without loss to themselves.

# Search Of Sea & Land Vehicles

New War Powers

A new Order has been promulgated under the Defence Regulations and is notified in to-day's "Government Gazette." The Order gives the Police and members of His Majesty's Forces in uniform power to stop and search vehicles on the road, and vessels on the waterways which are suspected of committing war offences.

It says that the person driving or in control of any road vehicle or any vessel on water to which the public have access, or any inland navigation, shall stop the vehicle or vessel on being required to do so by a constable in uniform or any member of His Majesty's Forces being in uniform on duty.

**Search On Suspicion**  
Upon the overtaking of a vehicle or vessel on an occasion on which the driver has failed to stop when lawfully required to do so, any constable or member of His Majesty's Forces has reasonable ground for suspecting that there is to be found in the vehicle or vessel evidence of the commission of a war offence, may search the vehicle or vessel and may seize any article found therein which he has reasonable ground for believing to be evidence of commission of any such offence.

It is further stated that the powers conferred in the new Order will be in addition to and not in derogation of the powers conferred by any other of these Regulations.

**Ambassador Leaving To-day**  
The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is leaving the Colony to-day for Shanghai. He will return later to Chungking.

**Export Of Firewood Prohibited**  
The export of firewood except by license is now prohibited, according to an announcement made by Mr E. W. Hamilton, Controller of Trade, in the "Government Gazette" to-day.

Following the recent indiscriminate bombing of Malacca, slogans "Bomb Rome," have appeared on the walls of ruined buildings.

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The most remarkable thing about the German air force is the shallowness of its reserves, numbering only about 3,000 serviceable aircraft.

The position in general, therefore, is hopeful, with British production mounting steadily, and United States aid mounting at an increasing rate.

T. P. Wright in the January number of the American "Aviation," estimates the German total strength at 25,000 and the British at 25,000. He estimates that the totals will be equal by July, excluding Italy. The present British output is 1,650 monthly, the German 2,000, the United States 700 increasing to 1,600 in July.

Most impressive are the curves showing the output. The Axis curve is falling off, but the United States curve is sweeping up to a position exceeding the Axis output at the end of the present year, and thereafter far exceeding the best possible Axis effort.

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# Excellent Record Of British Health In First Blitz Year

(By "Reuter's" Lobby Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The British civilian front has stood up to Hitler's aerial blitzkrieg remarkably well in more ways than one. Not only has national morale been unaffected by the Nazi frightfulness but the national health has remained unimpaired.

Mr Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, told me to-day: "In general, Britain's health is not only better than this time last year but even better than during the last two winters of peace. There have been no cases of epidemics, a negligible number of bomb shock cases, and children have been little affected."

"Influenza deaths in London and the big towns totalled 778 in the first six weeks of this year compared with 1,827 in the same period last year and 1,309 in 1939."

"There have been only two cases of typhoid or paratyphoid. Last year there were five."

"The only disease of a serious character, which has increased in cerebro-spinal fever, which always rises in wartime. The death rate, however, has been greatly reduced by new methods of drug treatment."

"From all causes there have been in London and the big towns 10,000 fewer deaths in the first six weeks of this year than in the same period last year, even including in the total all deaths due to air raids."

"The figures are 43,591 this year and 53,667 last year."

**Public Shelters**  
The Minister also pointed out that the prevention of infectious disease in public shelters has been very successful. In almost every big shelter in London, there is now a "miniature hospital" and some shelters have a resident or a full-time doctor.

Over 200 doctors pay nightly visits and nearly 300 more are available if called.

The transfer of nearly 1,000,000 mothers and children from London and the big cities has also been a complex problem which has been carried out with considerable success.

**COLONY'S FINANCES**  
November Accounts Published

The Colony's assets again advanced slightly in November according to statement of accounts for that month issued to-day.

Expenditure was \$4,370,770 against \$4,672,187 received, making the excess of assets over liabilities at the end of November \$21,395,486.

Detailed figures of the revenue in November show that revenue was up compared with November, 1939 by \$4,672,178 against \$3,473,229. Similarly revenue for the first eleven months of 1940 was \$46,531,399 against a corresponding figure of \$38,248,457.

Estimated for last November's revenue were Duties, up nearly \$400,000; a decrease in assessed taxes; an increase in internal revenue; and a decline of \$50,000 from the Post Office. War Revenue brought in \$774,221.

Estimated for last November was \$4,370,770 against \$2,615,022. In November the previous year. Comparative figures for the first eleven months were \$42,647,082 against \$33,865,416.

Outstanding items in last November's accounts were charitable services (up \$110,000); Harbour Department (up \$100,000); Medical Department (up \$150,000); Stores Department (up \$500,000), all compared with November, 1939.

**Police Gain Decorations**  
Long Service Awards

The Colonial Police Long Service Medal has been awarded to the following members of the Police Force, according to an announcement in this morning's "Government Gazette":

European Contingent.—Sub-Inspector Ronald Robert McEwen, Robert Cunningham, Harry Edwards, Langley, John O'Donovan, Charles Poyntz, Phillip Kellet, William Ritchie, John Joseph Walsh, Leonard Tyler, Albert Joseph Johnson, Michael Joseph Flattery, John Michell, Timothy Collins, Jack Goddard and Harry Ernest Rogers.

Indian Contingent.—Inspector Ali Mohamed, Police Sergeants Keroze Shah, Bhehan Singh, Sarwan Singh, Prem Singh, Bachan Singh, Joginder Singh, Basant Singh, Lance Sergeants Sayed Mohamed, Sonda Khan, Nahar Singh, Constable Sale Mohamed.

Cantonese Contingent.—Lance Sergeants Wu Kam, So Kwong, Wong Kat, Ma Shui, Constables Chui Hong, Leung Yun, Mok Yik, To Yung, Wei-haiwei, Contingent.—Inspector Chiang Jen Yu.

First Bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal: Chief Detective Inspector Michael Murphy, Sergeant 600 Lo Ki and Lance Sergeant 329 Wong Kee.

**Defence Reserve**  
Permission to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve, with effect from February 20, has been granted to Mr V. A. Perkins.

Mr T. Fergusson has been re-assigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

**Wants Roosevelt To Mediate**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Representative Louis Ludlow introduced a resolution to the House to-day urging President Roosevelt to call a conference of the American Republics to offer their services as mediators to end the European war.

**Peaceful End**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Ex-King Alfonso passed a quiet night but, at 10.30 a.m., just when members of his family were going to attend the funeral of his secretary, the Marquis of Torres, who predeceased him, the King had another heart attack.

Professor Frugoni was summoned and administered adrenaline but the King grew worse and by 11.05 a.m. he was seen to be dying.

A Spanish Jesuit Father Lopez, who gave the King extreme unction before, when he was thought to be dying, died so again. The end came peacefully at 11.51 a.m.

King Alfonso retained all his faculties to the last.

The funeral will be at the Church of St. Mary of Angels.

# SECURITY ORDERS

Defence Areas May Be Named

The "Government Gazette" announces to-day that if it appears to the Governor to be necessary or expedient so to do, he may declare any area in this Colony to be a defence area, and thereupon—

(a) It shall be the duty of every person in that area to comply with any orders issued on behalf of the Chief Security Officer for the purpose of meeting or hindering any actual or apprehended attack by an enemy or of protecting persons and property from the damage involved in any such attack; and

(b) The Chief Security Officer may issue orders or give directions regulating or prohibiting the entry of persons, vehicles or animals into that area.

Provided that in exercising any powers conferred on him under this regulation the Chief Security Officer shall be subject to the control and direction of the Governor.

(2) Subject to any directions given by the Governor, the Chief Security Officer may, to such extent and subject to such restrictions as he thinks proper, delegate all or any of the functions conferred on him under this regulation to any specified persons or class of persons.

**WEST LIBYA**  
German Troops Not Participating

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—A military spokesman states that there is no evidence to support the Berlin claims that German troops are operating in Libya.

A force believed to be German was driven back west of Agheila but this was in the nature of a patrol operating forward of a stretch of 300 miles of waterless desert. The main force undoubtedly lies in Western Libya.

**Castel Rosso Withdrawal**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The British forces which landed on the island of Castel Rosso, a small Italian island with a seaplane base in the Eastern Mediterranean, last Tuesday, have now been withdrawn, having accomplished their object, says a joint Admiralty and War Office communiqué issued to-night.

**Plane Base Destroyed**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Army and Navy officials refused to comment on the evacuation of Castel Rosso in view of the fact that operations in that area may still be going on; however, it is known that the Italian seaplane base on the island may be assumed to be destroyed.

**Britain Has A Quiet Day**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—There has been scarcely any enemy air activity over Britain to-day but a few bombs were dropped during the afternoon at Dover, causing little damage and no casualties.

It is now known, states the Air Ministry, that an enemy bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire off South Wales on Wednesday.

**Chinese Recruits For R.N.V.R.**  
It is notified that recruiting of Chinese personnel for the engineering branch of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve will commence forthwith.

Candidates must be (1) British-born Chinese. (2) Have a sound knowledge of English, written and spoken. (3) Must be aged 22 to 32. (4) Have practical experience in the operation and repair of steam (coal and oil driven) engines, internal combustion engines, ship's auxiliary and electrical machinery; and (5) Must be available for full-time mobilisation if and when required.

Applications should be made to the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force Office, York Building (2nd Floor), between 5.30 and 9.30 p.m. on March 3, 4 and 5.

**Eire Money Laws**  
Holdings Abroad

DUBLIN, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Banknotes and currency notes henceforth must not be sent out of Eire. This is the major provision of currency restrictions announced by the Eirean Minister of Finance to-day.

Thus neither English nor Scottish nor Ulster banknotes may be used by Eire citizens for payments to persons in Great Britain.

Apart from this prohibition, payments to persons in Great Britain continue unrestricted.

Withdrawals from savings or other bank accounts in any country except the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and a few others is forbidden without the permission of the Eirean authorities.

**British Comment**  
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Commenting on the Eirean currency moves, city circles to-night point out that they are obviously intended for conservation of Eire's foreign currency resources and resemble the restrictions imposed by the United Kingdom Government in the early stages of the war.

**Free China's Drastic Laws Against Drugs Published**  
CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (Central News).—Indicating the Government's unrelenting determination to rid the country of the scourge of opium and narcotics, a new law has been promulgated.

This law provides the death sentence for the following offences: planting of poppy and manufacture of opium and narcotics, trafficking in narcotics, the use of narcotics, giving morphine injections or opening narcotic dens.

Those who possess drugs intended for sale will be given the death sentence or life imprisonment as also will those trafficking in opium, importing or exporting poppy seeds or operating opium dens. Anyone caught possessing opium intended for sale will be given at least ten years' imprisonment.

Opium smokers caught will be given a jail term of between one and five years together with a fine of \$1,000. Addicts who again indulge in opium-smoking after given the currentment will be given the death sentence.

Most severe punishment is provided for government employees, members of the police force or the army. The law will be in force for three years.



## New Planes In Action Over Reich

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The most powerful planes at present in service with any air force in the world have joined the R.A.F. and were in action against the enemy in occupied territory a few nights ago for the first time, states the journal "Aeroplane."

They are Short Stirling four-motor bombers, combining great load-carrying powers at high speed and very powerful defensive armament.

This addition to the British operating forces will greatly increase our power to strike at the enemy's war effort in the heart of his territory, adds the journal, and with other still newer types and reinforcements from the United States, will make possible more intense attacks on selected objectives.

## Dutch Black List U.S. Firms

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Official Dutch circles stated today that the control of Dutch East Indies exports will be further tightened by blacklisting numerous United States firms suspected of buying Dutch East Indian goods for unknown, possibly enemy destinations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The State Department said today that they had no information regarding any blacklist.

## Pressure on Enemy In East Africa Continues

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—As a result of its vigorous advance, the British northern force is now in contact with the enemy troops holding covering position north of Keren in Eritrea, states a communique from British G.H.Q.

Meanwhile in local activity we have improved our positions west of the town.

In the face of increasing patriotic pressure, Italian evacuation of military posts in the Gollan region in Abyssinia continues.

Operations in all sectors of Italian Somaliland are developing successfully.

### S. Africans In Air

NAIROBI, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The South African Air Force bombed barracks at Duragaba and warehouses at Iscabad on February 26, states a communique issued here.

Buildings at Duragaba were set on fire.

Other aircraft machine-gunned mechanical transport on the road beyond Buloburth, north of Mogadisho, destroying six lorries and damaging others.

Reconnaissance squadrons in Southern Abyssinia machine-gunned mechanical transport in Iscabad and Mehalli area.

All our machines returned safely.

### Belgians With Allies

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The first contingent of Belgian Colonial troops drafted to the Sudan have been there some days, it is learned in London today.

Before their departure, the Commander-in-Chief in the Congo told them that Belgium had placed confidence and hope in them.

## ENEMY SUBMARINE PLANS

(BY "REUTERS" NAVAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—For the attempt to blockade Britain which Hitler has promised for the spring, he has been building much smaller U-boats than hitherto.

Smaller submarines can be built in a shorter time and require less material and perhaps most important, smaller crews are required.

The training of submarine crews is a lengthy business. It is more than likely that Hitler has not yet got enough crews for all his U-boats.

The drawback of a smaller submarine is that its operating radius is reduced. But as the Germans have so many French ports to use as bases, this has less importance from the German point of view.

Smaller submarines will, however, not be more difficult to locate by the British Navy than hitherto.

Italian submarines are believed to be operating with the Germans in the Atlantic.

## APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

—Official—

The following Government appointments are notified in the "Government Gazette" of today:

Professor W. I. Gerrard, D.Sc., M.D., has been appointed a member of the Nurses Board for a further term of three years with effect from March 13.

Dr P. B. Wilkinson has been appointed to be a member of the Nurses Board, during the absence from the Colony of Professor W. I. Gerrard. The appointment is effective from March 13.

Mr A. R. S. Major has been appointed a member of the Committee to administer the Mercantile Assistance Fund of Hongkong vice Mr E. C. Luscombe, with effect from February 20.

The Hon. Mr R. R. Todd has been appointed Director of Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, vice Mr H. R. Butters.

Dr J. Durran, has been appointed a member of the Medical Board for a term of three years, with effect from March 1.

### Director of Supply

Major R. D. Walker, M.C., has been appointed to be Director of Supply.

Mr P. H. Sudding has been appointed an unofficial Justice of the Peace.

Mr R. R. Todd has been appointed a member of the Council of the Hongkong University during the absence from Hongkong of Mr H. R. Butters, with effect from February 24.

Mr Lo Man-hin has been appointed a member of the Food and Firewood Control Board in addition to the members previously appointed.

Messrs D. J. Sloss and W. Faid, resumed duty as Censor and Assistant Censor respectively on February 20.

### Shipping Control Board

The following have been appointed to the Shipping Control Board, for the purpose of giving advice to the Government in matters relating to the control of shipping:

Lieut-Comdr J. Jolly (Harbour Master), Chairman; The Hon. Mr J. Paterson, The Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, Comdr D. H. S. Crane, R.N., T. J. Gould, W. H. Lock, S. T. Williamson, and E. H. Ray, Secretary.

## Iranian Minister To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Feb. 28 (Domei).—The new Iranian Minister to Japan, Mr Abulghassaneh Nadjme, and his wife, arrived at Tokyo Station this afternoon when they were welcomed by high Japanese Foreign Office officials and members of the Iranian Legation.

Mr Nadjme is the first Iranian Minister to Japan since 1937.

## Bethlehem Steel Strike Settled

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The strike at the Lackawanna plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation has been settled.

The workers have unanimously approved of the formula drafted by Government, and production on valuable defence contracts will continue forthwith.

The plant employs 4,000 men.

## New Conditions For Air Passengers

Information has been received from His Majesty's Consul-General, Kunming, to the effect that as from February 15, 1941, all passengers travelling by air in Yunnanfu from Hongkong will be required to produce certificates of successful vaccination performed within the preceding year, failing which they will be required to undergo vaccination after arrival.

## Rumanian Plebiscite Is A Farce

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Rumanian plebiscite reported being held on Sunday by General Antonescu on Nazi "Yes" or "No" lines was described by the Free Rumanian National Committee spokesman here as a "farce."

One can easily imagine, he added, the conditions under which the plebiscite is forced on the Rumanian nation under a double dictatorship and a terror regime—that of General Antonescu and the German troops.

He recalled the British Ambassador's statement after leaving Bucharest when the latter said that 80 per cent. of Rumanians are pro-British and opposed to German collaboration.

The Free National Committee is headed by M. V. V. Titea, former Rumanian Minister in London.

### Magnate Sentenced

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The property of Max Ausnit, Rumania's steel king, who is now in prison in Bucharest, has been confiscated by the Rumanian authorities, states a Bucharest telegram to the official Italian agency.

Arrested in November, 1939, on charges of fraud and infringement of currency laws, Ausnit was sentenced to six years' penal servitude, four years' banishment and a fine of 10,000 lei.

## Nazi—Sunk Ships Reach Port Safely

CONVOY OF NINETEEN LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—It is learned in London today that one of the four vessels of the convoy recently attacked by the Germans and claimed by them to have been destroyed has reached a British port undamaged.

These four vessels were officially described as not yet overdue.

There were 19 ships in this convoy, which was attacked by a German raider on February 12, writes "Reuter's" naval correspondent. As previously officially announced, five were sunk and ten were safe, leaving four missing. With the safe arrival in port of this British ship of 6,500 tons, there are now three vessels in the convoy unaccounted for, with a total tonnage of about 10,000.

It will be recalled that the Germans claimed at different times that 14, and later 18, ships of this convoy had been sunk whereas at worst eight only may have been lost.

## Britons In China Help Buy Planes

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—A gift of £10,000 for the purchase of aircraft from the British community in China is acknowledged with gratitude by the Minister for Aircraft Production.

This makes the British community's total contribution £112,000.

### Dutch East Indies

BATAVIA, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Dutch East Indies Spitfire Fund today remitted a further £10,000 for two more Spitfires.

The Dutch Indies so far have contributed 31 Spitfires and one bomber to the Allied war effort.

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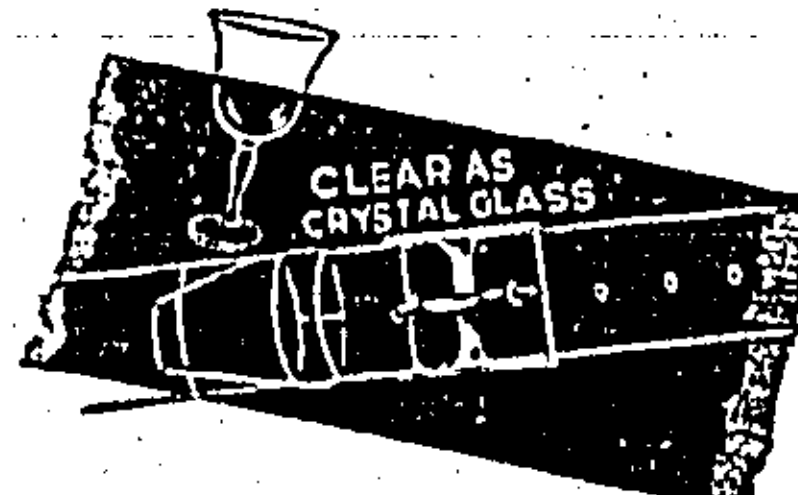
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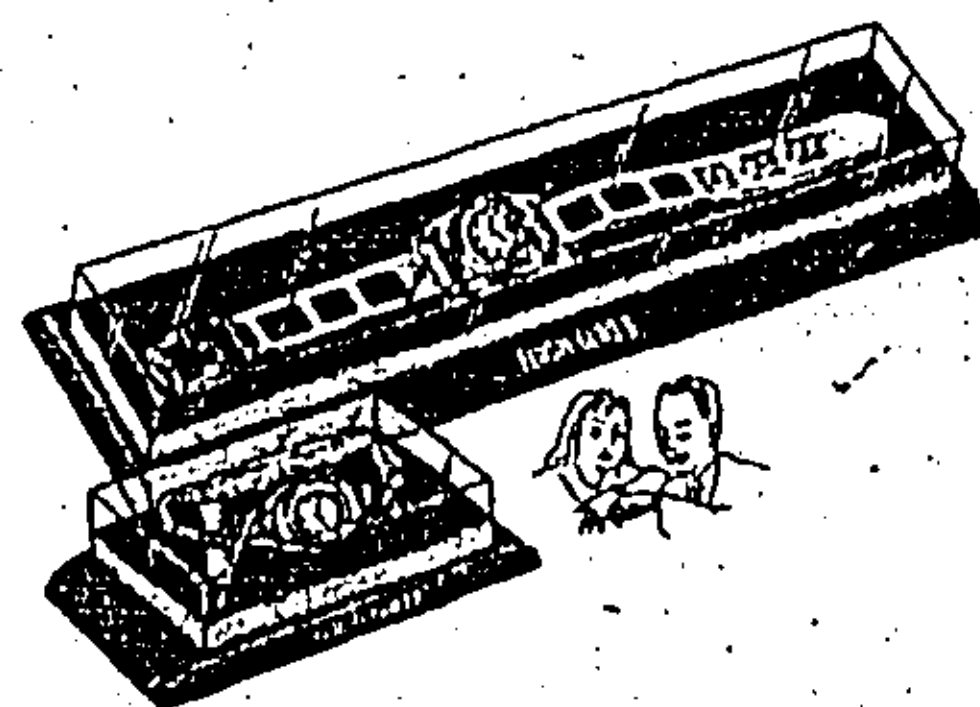
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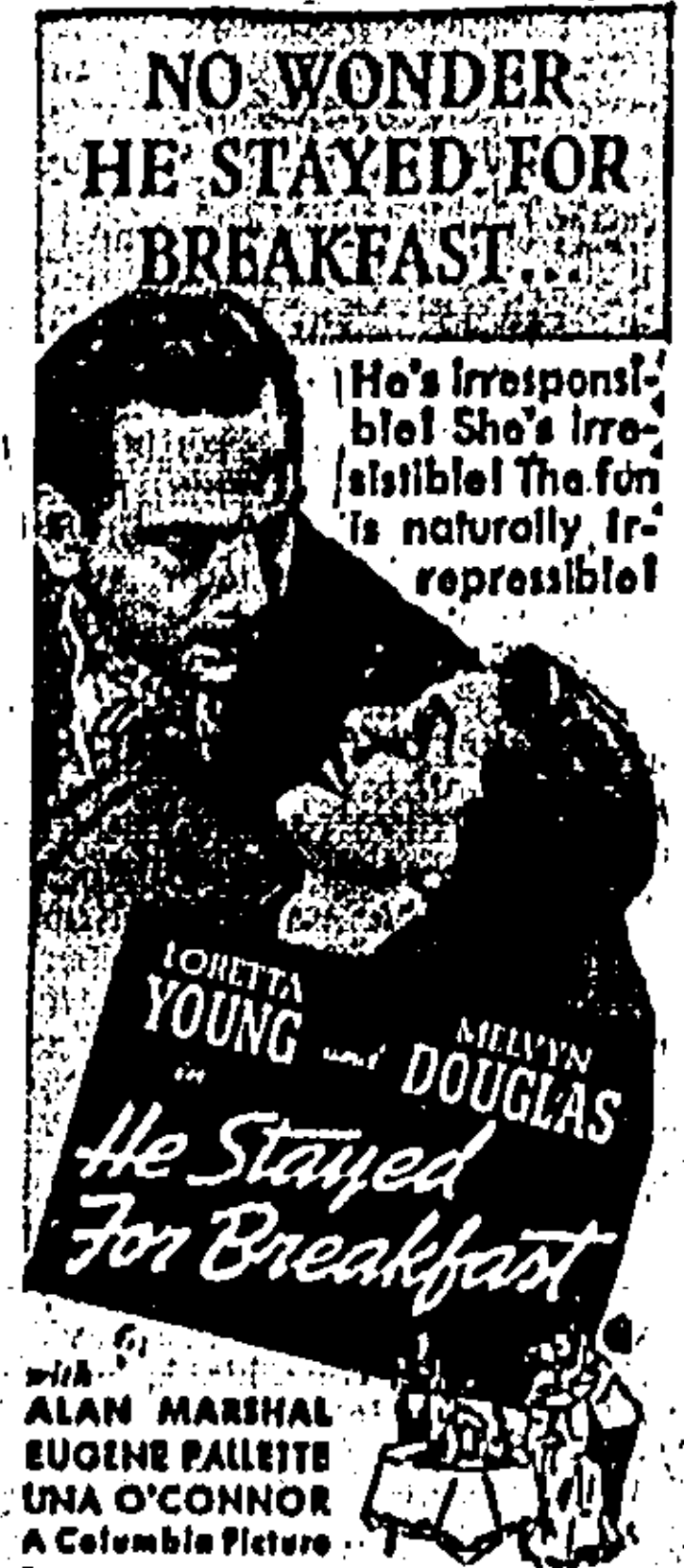
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